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# STORY SO FAR...

Hello, I'm Tohru Honda, and I have come to know a terrible secret. After the death of my mother, I was living by myself in a tent when the Sohma family took me in. I soon learned that the Sohma family lives with a curse! Each family member is possessed by the vengeful spirit of an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Whenever one of them becomes weak or is hugged by a member of the opposite sex, they change into their Zodiac animal!



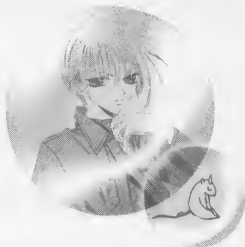


## Tohru Honda

The ever-optimistic hero of our story. Recently orphaned, Tohru has taken up residence in Shigure Sohma's house, along with Yuki and Kyo. She's the only person outside of the Sohma family who knows about their Zodiac curse.

## Yuki Sohma

At school he's known as Prince Charming. Polite and soft-spoken, he's the polar opposite of Kyo. Yuki is possessed by the spirit of the Rat.



## Kyo Sohma

Just as the Cat of legend (whose spirit possesses him) was left out of the Zodiac, Kyo is ostracized by the Sohma family. His greatest wish in life is to defeat Yuki in battle and win his rightful place in the Zodiac.

## Shigure Sohma

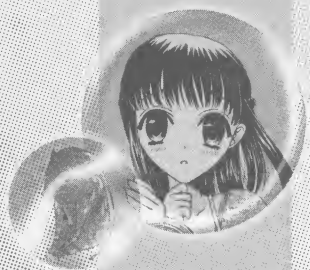
The enigmatic Shigure keeps a house outside of the Sohma estate where he lives with Yuki, Kyo and Tohru. He may act perverted at times, but he has a good heart. His Zodiac spirit is the Dog.



## Hatori Sohma

The family doctor of the Sohma clan and one of the Juunichi (his symbol is the Dragon, which manifests as a seahorse). When Akito wills it, he erases the memories of those who stumble upon the family's secret. Hatori once had to erase the memories of the woman he loved, and ever since has been firmly against letting anyone else know the secret--even Tohru.

# Fruits Basket Characters

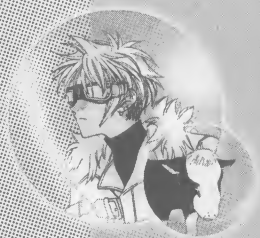


## Kagura Sohma

Stubborn and jealous as her Zodiac symbol, the Boar, Kagura is determined to marry Kyo... even if she kills him in the process.

## Momiji Sohma

Playful and carefree as the Rabbit he turns into, Momiji is the youngest member of the Sohma family that Tohru has met. He's half German and half Japanese, and switches casually between the two languages. His father owns the building where Tohru works.

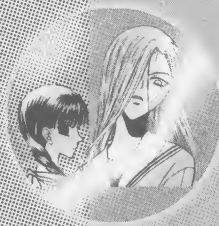
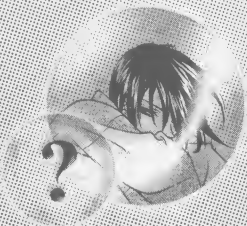


## Hatsuharu Sohma

Usually cool, calm and collected, like a cow, Haru turns into a raging bull when his "Black" personality comes out. He's a rival to Kyo and a friend to Yuki (after years of unfounded animosity). Believe it or not, Haru and Momiji are in the same grade!

## Akito Sohma

The mysterious leader of the Sohma clan, the other family members treat him with equal measures of fear and reverence. Tohru hasn't met him... yet.



## Hanajima & Arisa

"A psychic freak and a yankee thug." The two best friends a girl could hope for. They always look out for Tohru; they've become friends with Yuki and Kyo as well.



## Chapter 19

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*A story that's near and dear to my heart.*

<p>OUCH ...</p>	<p>Tsk! I think people would rather look at pictures of Yuki and Kyo than read your yammerings, but I could be wrong.</p>	<p>What do you think?</p>	<p>I'VE BEEN CONSIDERING ANSWERING SOME OF OUR READERS' MORE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.</p>
<p>BEFORE TOHRU WAS AROUND, THEY TOOK IT TO THE CLEANERS.</p>	<p>IF SHE DIDN'T, WHO WOULD?</p>	<p>2. Does Tohru wash the Sohmas' underwear?</p>	<p>HIS FANS CUT IT INTO LITTLE PIECES AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG THEMSELVES.</p>
<p>Must be nice to be rich!</p>	<p>What's the big deal?</p>	<p>Such a waste.</p>	<p>1. What happened to the outfit Yuki was wearing at the culture fest?</p>
<p>BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH THINGS WHEN YOU'RE READING MANGA!</p>	<p>TOHRU HAS THE SECOND FLOOR BATHROOM TO HERSELF.</p>	<p>4. What does Tohru do when she's on her period?</p>	<p>GOOD QUESTION! I THINK I'LL WRITE ABOUT AYAME'S SHOP EVENTUALLY, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO FIND OUT MORE.</p>
<p>It never ends...</p>	<p>I did accidentally draw Kyo in it once...</p>	<p>It's not a kinky cosplay club.</p>	<p>3. Did Shigure buy the maid outfit at Ayame's shop?</p>
<p><b>HOW CAN YOU ASK ME THAT...?</b></p>			<p>5. How are you going to end the series?</p>



THE  
NEW FIRST  
YEARS ARE  
SO CUTE!



SPRING  
IS HERE!!

THE HEART-  
PONDING,  
TREMBLING-  
WITH-  
EXCITEMENT  
NEW  
SEMESTER  
IS HERE!!

WE'RE PROUD  
TO BE ENTERING  
OUR SECOND  
YEAR!!

## ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 1

I forgot to mention it last time, but starting with volume 3, there will be character introductions and summaries at the beginning of each volume. I mean, there already are! I meant to do it earlier, but I just didn't have the time. At last, another Takaya dream is realized! (ha ha!)

NOTE: These features were added in Vol. 2 of the English edition.



\*The book on Kyo's desk is "Mageta." See vol. 3.



So close the window!



**Fruits Basket 4  
Part 1:**

Hajimemashite!  
(That's Japanese for "how do you do.") Takaya here.  
Furuba has made it to volume 4!  
As each volume is released, the big picture starts to reveal itself. Until now, I've had to keep my gloating to myself! It feels so much better to let it out! (Ha!) But "Guretschi." Guretschi the jellyfish: I keep getting letters begging, "please say he isn't over 25!" Sorry.  
Shigure is 27.  
Don't worry--a man's stock only goes up as he gets older! Oh yeah, Shigure's name is pronounced without an accent--the intonation doesn't go up or down. So now you know.  
Okay, as usual I'm exhausted, but Furuba is raring to go--so let's get on with it!



SATOMI ARIMORI,  
AGE 15, SCORPIO,  
BLOOD TYPE B,  
MY HOBBY IS  
CRAFTS, AND MY  
BEST FEATURE  
IS MY SLENDER  
ANKLES!!

OF COURSE  
I CAN!!

ME!  
I'M—

YOU  
DO  
NOT  
!!

I-I-I'M RINA  
SONOMIYA.  
PEOPLE SAY  
I LOOK LIKE  
NORIKI FUJI-  
WARA\*...

look  
at me!  
look at  
me!

I'M TOO  
FREAKED  
OUT TO BE  
JEALOUS,  
SOHMA...

CAN YOU  
TELL ME  
YOUR NAME  
AND WHICH  
CLASS  
YOU'RE IN?

\* A famous actress who starred in the GTO drama, she's also a model. Her official web site is: [www.norikanesque.com](http://www.norikanesque.com)

I DON'T  
THINK  
YUKI-KUN  
WOULD  
WANT  
THAT...

Our current  
leader has  
issues.


PRINCE  
CHARMING  
MIGHT EVEN  
MAKE CLASS  
PRESIDENT  
THIS YEAR.



ACTUALLY,  
THERE ARE  
SOME NEW  
SOHMAS  
STARTING  
HERE, SO...

AH! YES,  
HE WAS  
HERE.

TOHRU-KUN,  
I EARLIER PICKED  
UP SOME WAVES  
THAT SEEMED TO  
BE COMING FROM  
YOUR GUARDIAN,  
SHIGURE-SAN...



...I JUST HAVE  
TO GO BY THE  
SCHOOL AND  
BEHOLD THEIR  
MAGNIFICENCE.

HAA-KUN AND  
MOMITCHI ARE  
LIKE LITTLE  
BROTHERS  
TO ME...



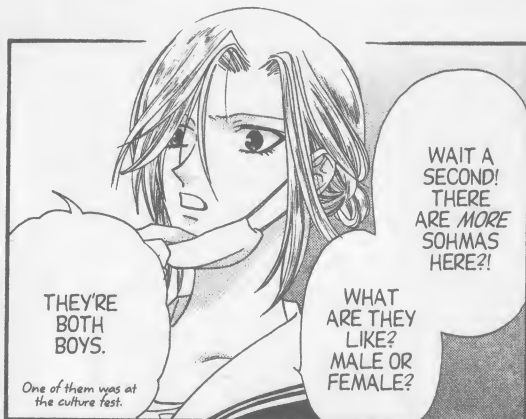
NO, NO, NO!  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
THESE DAYS  
HAVE NO  
SENSE OF  
ROMANTICISM!

HE'S  
AN IDIOT.

YOU DON'T  
THINK I'M  
GOING JUST TO  
LOOK AT HIGH  
SCHOOL GIRLS,  
DO YOU?

I WONDER  
WHAT THOSE  
STERN,  
SUSPICIOUS  
VISAGES  
COULD  
POSSIBLY  
PORTEND?

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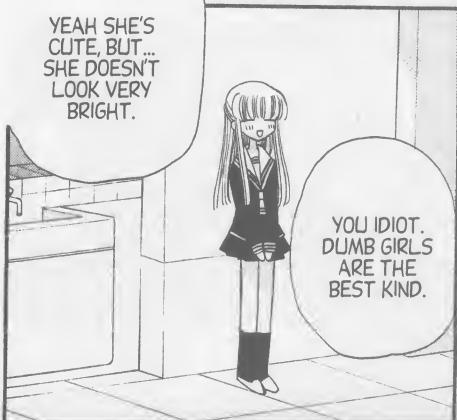
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN A COUPLE OF GUYS, LAST NAME SOHMA? ONE'S BLOND AND THE OTHER HAS WHITE HAIR.

Y-YES, THEY'RE IN OUR CLASS...

GO GET 'EM FOR ME.



YEAH SHE'S CUTE, BUT... SHE DOESN'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT.





IT'S ANNOYING WHEN GIRLS GET ALL ASSERTIVE, DON'T YOU THINK?

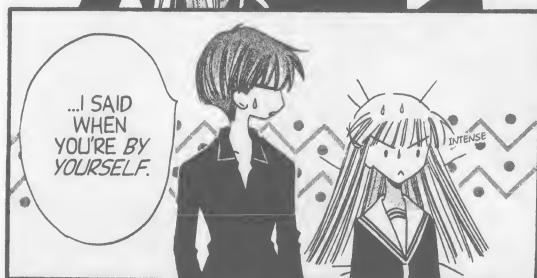
THEY DON'T PUT UP ANY RESISTANCE, YOU KNOW?

I guess so.

SHE DOES LOOK LIKE SHE'LL BUY ANYTHING.

MAYBE I SHOULD GO TALK TO H--

?!  
...



Trying to look sharp!





ER?

W-  
WEIRD  
HOW...?



I MEAN...



!-!

I DIDN'T  
MEAN  
ANYTHING  
WEIRD BY  
THAT, ALL  
RIGHT?!

Okay!

Sigh

It's not  
like I want  
you to act  
like a  
doofus...

Doofus!



Hallo!

?

?

OH!!

MOMIJI-  
KUN?!

...WHAT  
AM I  
SAYING?

HAVE  
I LOST  
MY  
MIND...?



IT'S DISGUSTING!

WHY THE HELL ARE YOU WEARING THE GIRLS' UNIFORM?! HOW STUPID CAN YOU GET?!

YOU'RE WORSE THAN HARU, AND HE'S DOWN-RIGHT LEWD!

OH, C'MON...

whimper  
whimper

AH...!

HATSU-HARU-SAN!

'SUP...



I'm gonna be sick.

Yes!

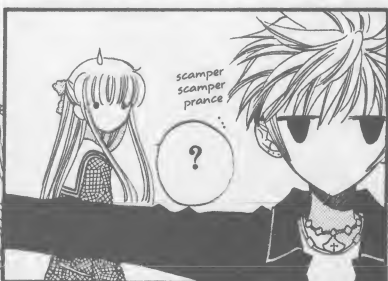
IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD!!

It does, doesn't it?!

JUST BECAUSE IT LOOKS GOOD DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT WRONG...

IT LOOKS GOOD ON HIM.





PLAYING  
IT COOL?  
DRESSED  
LIKE  
THAT?!

SO AT  
SCHOOL, I'M  
PLAYING IT  
COOL!

listen,  
listen!

HM...

THEY SAID  
I MIGHT  
BUMP INTO  
A GIRL IF  
I DIDN'T  
SETTLE  
DOWN!

I WAS  
TOLD TO  
"TAKE IT  
EASY" AT  
SCHOOL!

THE TEACHERS  
MAY TURN A  
BLIND EYE, BUT  
I WILL NOT!!

- BECAUSE---!!

THAT'S RIGHT,  
KYO SOHMA-KUN,  
SECOND YEAR  
CLASS D!!

...BUT A BOY WEARING  
A GIRL'S UNIFORM IS  
THE ABSOLUTE MOST  
SHAMELESS THING  
I'VE EVER SEEN!!

THAT ORANGE  
HAIR OF YOURS  
BOTHERS ME...



I AM YOUR  
STUDENT  
BODY  
PRESIDENT,  
MAKOTO  
TAKEI!!!

ALSO  
KNOWN AS  
THE LEADER  
OF THE  
SCHOOL  
DEFENSE  
FORCE!!

THE FIRST  
DAY OF  
SCHOOL, AND  
ALREADY ALL  
I SEE ARE  
PROBLEMS!!



WHO  
PAGED  
THE IDIOT  
BRIGADE?

YUKI-  
KUN  
!!

YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
LOVELY!  
THAT ASIDE,  
YOU STILL  
SAY THAT'S  
HIS NATURAL  
COLOR...

...WHEN  
HIS  
ROOTS  
ARE  
BLACK?!



MR.  
PRESIDENT...  
THAT'S HIS  
NATURAL  
HAIR COLOR.

YOU, HATSU-  
HARU SOHMA-  
KUN! YOUR HAIR  
IS WHITE!

AND YOUR  
EXCESSIVE  
ACCESSORIZING  
IS INDECENT!!



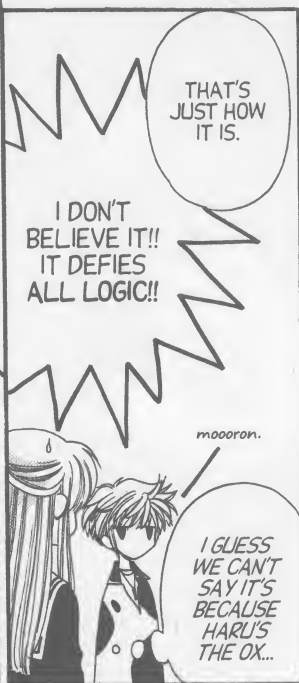


Huh?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR UNIFORM?! ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT'S NATURAL, TOO, MOMIJI SOHMA-KUN?!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MANLY PRIDE?!

RIGHT NOW YOU'RE TRAVELING FULL-SPEED DOWN THE ROAD TO FAILURE!!



THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!! IT DEFIES ALL LOGIC!!

mooroon.

I GUESS WE CAN'T SAY IT'S BECAUSE HARU'S THE OX...



I'M NOT BEING HARD ON HIM, TOHRU HONDA-KUN!!

UH... HI... UM... PLEASE DON'T BE SO HARD ON HI-

I'M MERELY TAKING THE SIDE OF DECENCY AND COMMON SENSE!!

waah waah



BUT...

BUT THIS ONE LOOKS BETTER ON ME...

sniff



WHA--

HARU...

WHAT?!

きょ

LET ME  
ASK YOU  
THIS...

IF I WEAR A  
THREE-PIECE  
SUIT, DOES IT  
MEAN I WON'T  
RESORT TO  
BLACKMAIL?

Br

"))

RA?

WA

IF I WON'T  
PIERCE MY  
EARS, DOES  
IT MEAN I  
WON'T BREAK  
SOMEONE'S  
HEART?

IF MY HAIR IS  
BLACK AND  
SHINY, DOES  
IT MEAN I  
WON'T KILL  
YOU?!



Snap?

SHUT  
THE  
HELL  
UP...

YOU'RE  
REALLY  
PISSING ME  
OFF. QUIT  
ACTING LIKE  
YOU'RE KING  
OF THE  
MOUNTAIN...

...YOU  
ARROGANT  
SON OF A  
BITCH.

*HIS  
BLACK  
SIDE!!*

WHO THE  
HELL DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU ARE?

YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
GOD?!  
WELL?!  
DO YOU?!

DON'T CALL  
ME STUPID!  
I'M GOING TO  
SMACK YOU,  
YOU DAMN  
PUNK!!

GAHH!!

OH  
YEAH?

ENOUGH!  
CUT IT OUT!  
YOU CAN'T  
FIGHT AN  
AMATEUR...

STAY OUT  
OF THIS, YOU  
STUPID CAT!!

THAT'S  
INCREDIBLE!  
SAY SOME-  
THING, GOD!!

MAKE A  
SOUND!!

PRESIDENT!!

PRESIDENT!

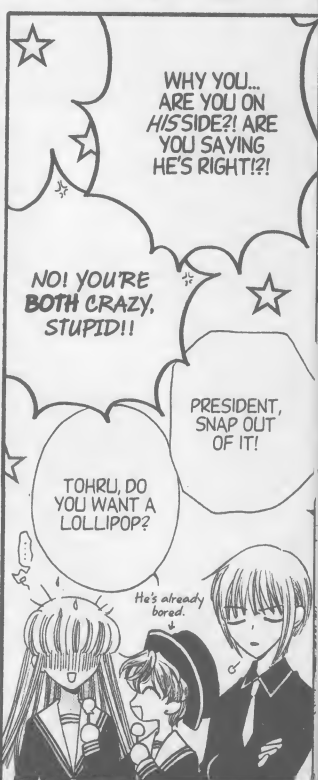
YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
WHO JUST  
DECIDED  
IT WAS  
OVER!!

YOU RAN  
AWAY  
FROM  
OUR LAST  
FIGHT  
WITH  
YOUR TAIL  
BETWEEN  
YOUR  
LEGS!!

(note see chapters 13 -14)



President



WHA-WHA-  
WHAT'S WITH  
YOU? THIS IS  
NONSENSE!!

PEOPLE  
SHOULD  
WEAR  
WHAT  
SUITS  
THEM.

HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
THAT?! IT'S  
SELFISHNESS!!

Tsk.

REALLY?  
WHAT IF...

...YUKI WORE  
THE GIRLS'  
UNIFORM?

OH  
MY...

DON'T  
LET HIM  
BRAINWASH  
YOU!!



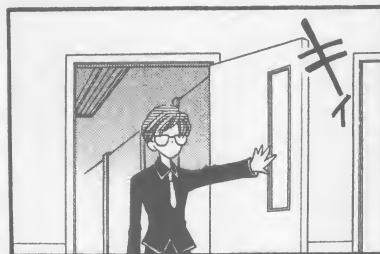
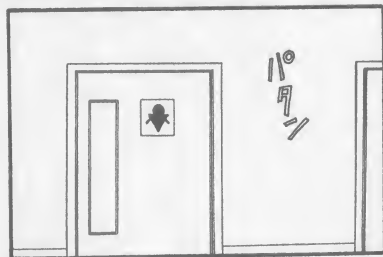
OH?!!  
AND HOW  
EXACTLY  
WOULD YOU  
PROVE IT?!  
I DEMAND  
LEGITIMATE  
EVIDENCE!!

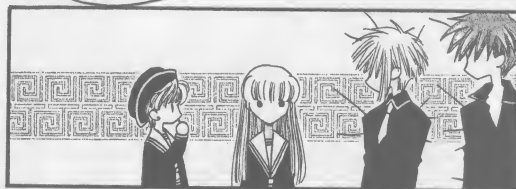
I CAN.

BUT WITH  
REGARD TO YOUR  
HAIR--CAN YOU  
PROVE THAT'S  
YOUR NATURAL  
COLOR?!

ER.  
SORRY.  
WHERE  
WERE  
WE...?

YOU'RE A  
TOUGH NUT  
TO CRACK,  
HATSU HARU  
SOHMA-KUN...





WHAT'S  
WRONG? WE  
CAN DO IT  
WITHOUT  
ACTUALLY  
EMBRAC--



WHY DON'T  
WE JUST  
CUT TO  
THE CHASE  
AND DO IT.

HM? DO  
YOU *REALLY*  
WANT TO  
KNOW?

HUH?



IT'S  
OVER NOW,  
HONDA-SAN.  
DON'T LET  
IT WORRY  
YOU...

UH...  
UM...

I CAN'T  
HANDLE  
IT WHEN  
HE TURNS  
BLACK...

BLACK  
...



キーン...

THAT'S  
THE  
BELL!

WE HAVE  
TO GET BACK  
TO OUR  
CLASSES!

AH!

I'M KINDA  
TIRED...

OH,  
REALLY?  
YOU'RE  
TIRED...?



IT'S NOT  
TOO LATE  
FOR THEM TO  
TRANSFER  
TO ANOTHER  
SCHOOL...

Thank  
you so  
much!

ぐったり

*\*already exhausted*

I WANT  
TO TALK TO  
YOU. COULD  
YOU STAY  
HERE?

OH YEAH!  
HEY, YUKI!  
KYO!



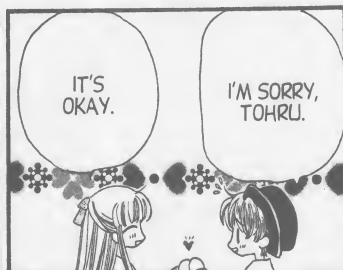
Tohru's  
friends?!

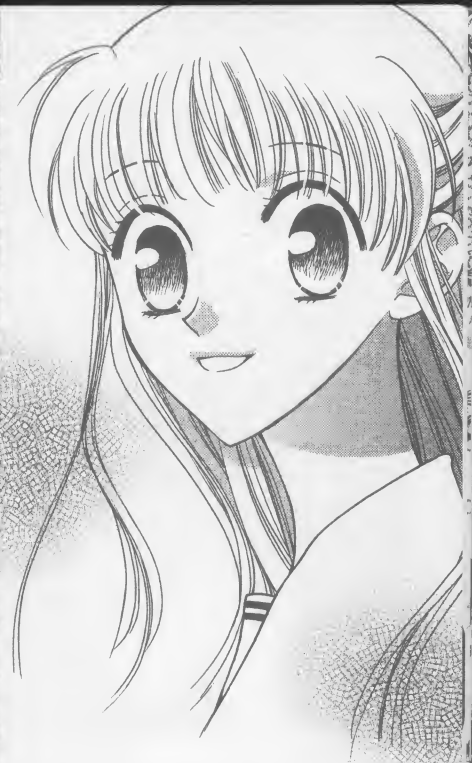
of  
course  
it is!

IS IT  
OKAY IF I  
INTRODUCE  
YOU TO MY  
FRIENDS ON  
THE WAY  
HOME?!

Hm...

ooo







HE SAYS  
HE'S COMING.

HERE.



AKITO...





## Chapter 20



## ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 2

Akkii, Akkii, poisonous Akkii... My Mabudachi Akkii!  
Ha ha! (Er...sorry, inside joke.) I'm sure he slaps a cynical smile on the faces of the people who like him and the people who hate him. Mmm, poison. I actually meant to have him show up in the first volume, but looking back at it now, I'm glad I didn't.  
Better to draw things out...



...HE  
SUDDENLY  
ANNOUNCED  
THAT HE  
WOULD BE  
COMING, TOO.



RIGHT  
BEFORE  
YOU GOT  
HERE...

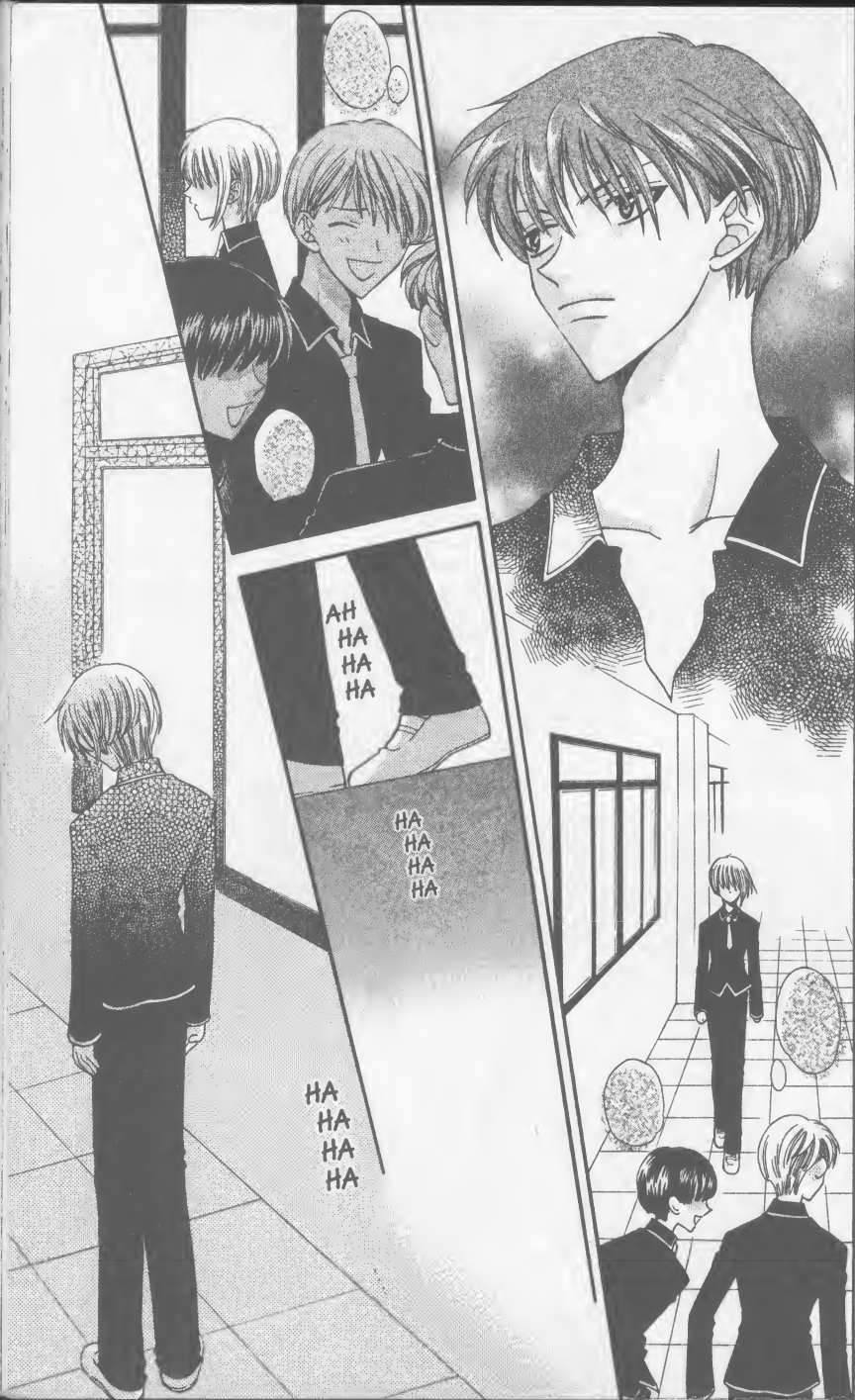
...AT  
ORIENTATION.  
SENSEI  
TOLD US.

*\*Sensei refers to Shigure.*



AKITO...











SUCH A  
TERRIBLY  
CUTE GIRL.

...WHAT A  
LOVELY  
YOUNG  
WOMAN  
YOU ARE...  
AND YOU  
DO SEEM  
KIND.

I'M  
PLEASED  
TO MEET  
YOU...



THANK  
GOODNESS...  
WELL, LET'S  
START AGAIN,  
SHALL WE?

I AM AKITO,  
THE HEAD OF  
THE SOHMA  
FAMILY.  
IT'S NICE TO  
MEET YOU.

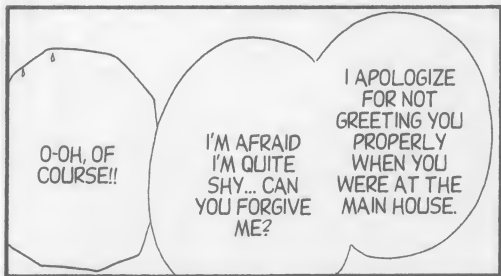
YES! IT'S  
NICE TO  
MEET YOU,  
TOO!!



EH...?  
HUH?  
NO, I'M—

RELAX, I  
KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE. BUT  
REALLY--YOU  
ARE CUTE!

AH HA  
HA!



O-OH, OF  
COURSE!!

I'M AFRAID  
I'M QUITE  
SHY... CAN  
YOU FORGIVE  
ME?

I APOLOGIZE  
FOR NOT  
GREETING YOU  
PROPERLY  
WHEN YOU  
WERE AT THE  
MAIN HOUSE.



PLEASE  
TAKE GOOD  
CARE...

...OF YUKI  
AND THE  
OTHERS.



F-FOR  
SOME  
REASON,  
I DIDN'T  
EXPECT  
HIM TO BE  
SO...

...GENTLE.

I WOULD  
LIKE US TO  
BE FRIENDS.



AKITO...

HUH...?





I'VE  
MISSED  
YOU, YUKI!!

I FEEL AS  
THOUGH WE  
HAVEN'T SEEN  
EACH OTHER  
IN AGES.

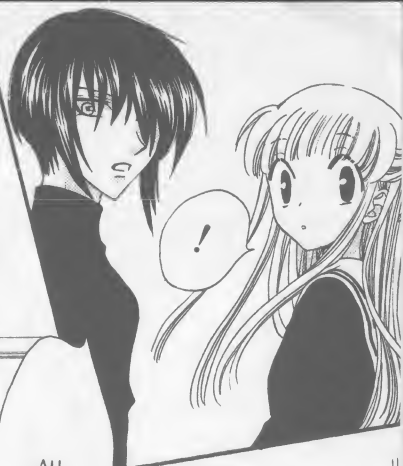
WHAT  
WERE YOU  
DOING...?



YOU'RE SO  
GROWN-UP.  
YOU'VE EVEN  
GOTTEN  
TALLER...



WHAT  
DID YOU DO  
TO HONDA-  
SAN?!



AH...



...YUKI!!

# Fruits Basket 4 Part 2:

At the end of this book, I inserted a manga advertising the CD drama. It's a special offer, so it won't be on sale to the general public. And it's past the deadline to apply! Ha ha! Thank you very much for sending so many applications. I'll say clearly that I am in love with the Furuba CD. It's such a fun CD! I can't thank the voice actors who performed in it enough. I've shed so many tears of gratitude that my eyes have just about gone dry. What I find interesting is that even while listening to the lines, I split them into panels. I wonder if this is what they call an occupational hazard. I even break things into panels when I'm watching TV!





WHY  
WOULD  
YOU *DO*  
SOMETHING  
LIKE  
THAT?

WHY DID  
YOU...

IT HURTS  
ME DEEPLY  
WHEN YOU  
DO THINGS  
LIKE THAT...

...AND  
AFTER I'VE  
BEEN SO  
*LENIENT*  
LATELY.

I MAY  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO  
TEACH YOU  
ANOTHER  
LESSON.

...SKIP  
OUT ON  
NEW  
YEAR'S?



I MAY HAVE  
NO CHOICE  
BUT TO PUT  
YOU IN THAT  
SPECIAL  
ROOM JUST  
FOR YOU...

...FOR A  
DAY...

...TO REMIND  
YOU WHO YOU  
REALLY ARE

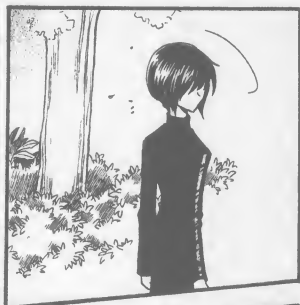


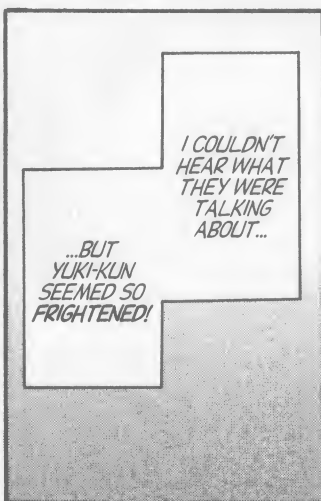
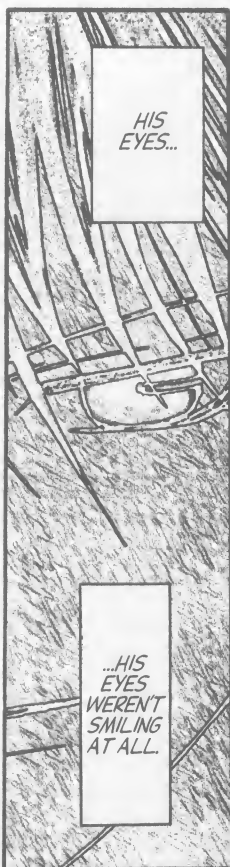
...WE HAVE  
TO HURRY  
BACK...TO  
CLASS...  
THAT IS...

...I'M  
SORRY,  
WE...

I...









BUT...



REALLY  
...





LET'S DO  
SOMETHING  
FUN!!



THE  
THING I  
WANT TO  
UNDER-  
STAND  
THE  
MOST...

YUKI-  
KUN!!

...IS WHY  
AKITO-  
SAN  
WOULD  
HATE ME!



IT'S A SPECIAL  
OCCASION, SO  
LET'S ALL DO  
SOMETHING  
TOGETHER!!

I WANT THE  
FEAR OF  
AKITO IN  
YUKI-KUN'S  
HEART...



EH...?

...SO UO-CHAN,  
HANA-CHAN  
AND I DECIDED  
TO HAVE  
SOME FUN.

SCHOOL  
GETS OUT  
EARLY  
TODAY...

...NOW!

WHY DO I HAVE TO PLAY?

I HATE BADMINTON.

...TO  
CLEAR  
AWAY.

Rock  
or  
paper

...let's  
CHOOSE...

WELL?  
WHAT DO WE  
DO AFTER WE  
DECIDE THE  
TEAMS? WHAT  
ARE THE  
RULES?

RULES?  
THERE  
AREN'T  
ANY.

WHAT?

I HAVE TO  
WEAR A  
MASK!!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
COMPLAINING  
ABOUT?

DON'T  
PLAY  
THEN!!

I can't  
breathe.









...IT  
LEAVES  
INDELIBLE  
SCARS.



BUT...



...AKITO  
DOESN'T  
UNDERSTAND.

"LET ME  
OUT!"



"LET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE!"



IF YOU  
LOCK  
SOMEONE  
UP...



...IN A  
DARK  
ROOM...FOR A  
LONG, LONG  
TIME...  
...AND  
MENTALLY  
TORTURE  
THEM...



TOHRU-KUN  
IS CUTE.  
SHE'S  
ADORABLE.

AND  
ABOUT  
WHAT HE  
SAID--

COMING  
FROM YOU,  
THAT SOUNDS  
CRIMINAL.

THERE WAS  
SOMETHING I  
WANTED...



IF  
SOME-  
ONE CAN  
CAUSE  
THOSE  
SCARS...

...THERE IS  
SURE TO BE  
SOMEONE...

...WHO  
CAN HEAL  
THEM.



THAT FACT  
GIVES ME  
MORE THAN  
A LITTLE  
COURAGE.



...LOVING  
PARENTS...

SOMETHING I  
ENVISIONED...



...A HAPPY  
HOME...



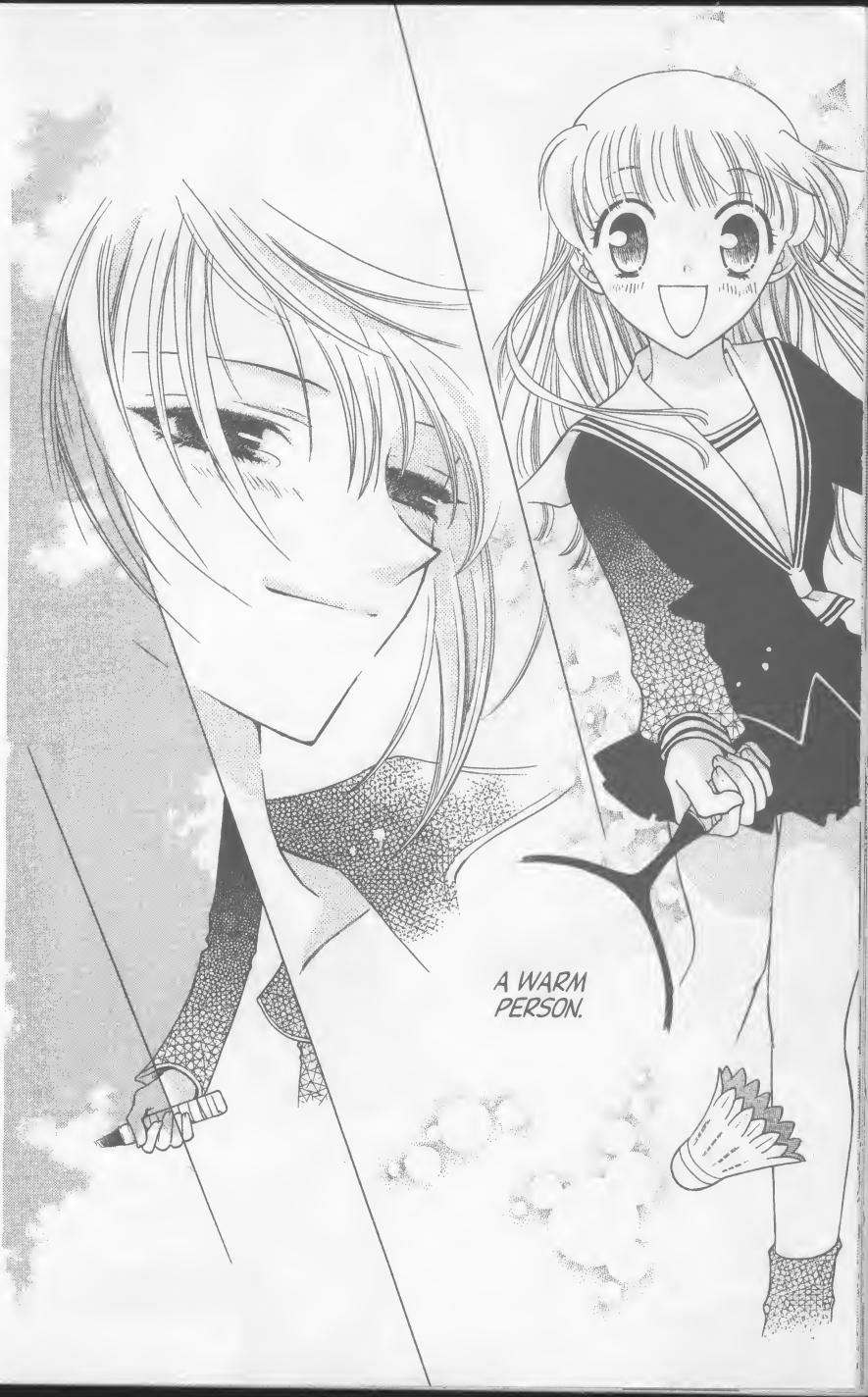
...WITH  
EVERYONE  
SMILING  
AT ME.



A HOME  
THAT NO ONE  
WOULD EVER  
WANT TO  
LEAVE...



A WARM  
PLACE...



A WARM  
PERSON.

IT EXISTS...

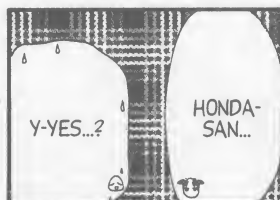


I KNOW  
IT DOES.

IT'S  
GETTING  
DARK.

TIME  
FLIES  
WHEN  
YOU'RE  
HAVING  
FUN...





I WONDER IF  
HE'S ALSO A  
MEMBER OF  
THE CHINESE  
ZODIAC...?

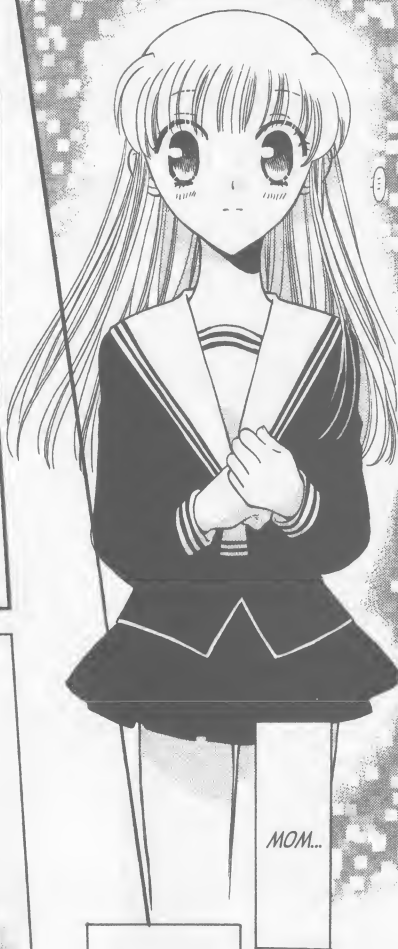
HE'S A VERY  
DIFFICULT  
PERSON TO  
DESCRIBE.

TO BE  
HONEST, HE  
SCARED ME  
A LITTLE.

WELL...

...HEAD  
HOME,  
TOO?

...SHOULD  
WE...



MOM...

TODAY I  
MET THE  
HEAD OF  
THE SOHMA  
FAMILY.



BUT...

YES!!

...WHEN WE'RE  
TOGETHER, MY  
FEARS...

What  
would you  
like for  
dinner?

Liver  
and  
leeks!

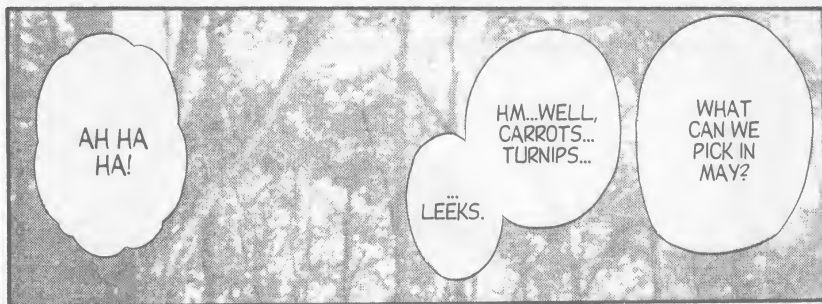
Hey!



...SUDDENLY  
FLY TO  
THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
STARS.



## Chapter 21



### ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 3

Enter the moron...er, I mean--the older brother! He was dragged into the story pretty late, huh? He's very popular, though not as popular as the Mabudachi Trio!

Sometimes people tell me that a character of mine looks like some famous person and it kind of hurts my feelings because I work so hard to create original characters! For some reason, it doesn't bother me if people compare my characters to each other, though.



achoo!

yes!

ARE  
YOU  
OKAY?

IT'S APRIL,  
BUT IT'S  
SO COLD  
TODAY.

...I CAN'T  
WAIT,  
EITHER.

YEAH...



THEN I'LL  
GO HOME  
AND START  
DINNER.

rumble

BESIDES,  
I'M  
HUNGRY.

AH HA  
HA!

hee  
hee

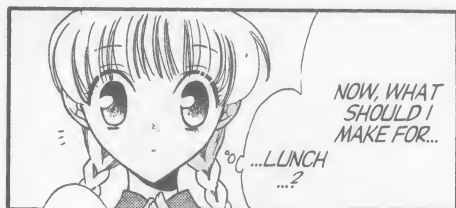


HONDA-  
SAN, YOU  
GO AHEAD  
AND GO  
HOME.

WE'RE  
PRETTY  
MUCH  
DONE  
HERE.

OH?!  
BUT--





NOW, WHAT  
SHOULD I  
MAKE FOR...

...LUNCH  
...?



.....  
?



CLOTHES  
ON THE  
GROUND...

WHY  
WOULD  
SOMEONE  
LEAVE  
CLOTHES?



SEVERAL  
DAYS HAVE  
PASSED  
SINCE I MET  
AKITO-SAN...

...BUT YUKI-  
KUN HAS  
REMAINED  
CHEERFUL.

AND  
THAT'S  
A VERY  
GOOD  
THING.

I CAN'T  
WAIT  
TO PICK  
STRAW-  
BERRIES!





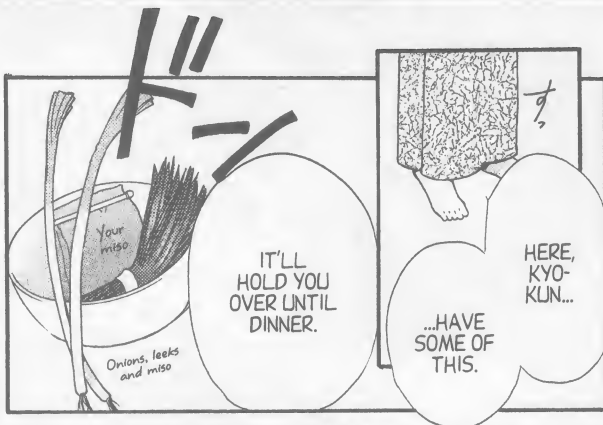
# Fruits Basket 4 Part 3:

I went to my first autograph session—at the HanaYume festival. There were so many people, I got nervous! I wanted to say, "I'm not that great," you know? (I'm really not.) I even got presents. Thank you.

I thought of getting a Furuba print club, too, but the line was so long I gave up. (By the way, I've never taken a print club picture. There actually are people who haven't.) But I was very happy to have people thank me so sincerely. I really felt they meant it.

Anyway, did you enjoy the Hana-Yume festival? I'm very happy because I got a Hanya\* plush toy! (Ha ha!)

\*A character from the Hana to Yume comic, "Uchuu no Hate kara Konnichi wa"





HUH?

SKIN  
HIM. NOW.  
BARBECUE  
THE  
BASTARD!!



EH...!

WELL IF  
IT ISN'T  
AAYA!



WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
HERE?

UH... UM...



.....

AAYA...?

AYAME  
SOHMA,  
AS YOU  
CAN SEE...

SKIN  
HIM...  
RIGHT...  
NOW.

WAIT A  
MINUTE. LET'S  
CALM DOWN,  
YUKI-KUN.

...IS THE  
SNAKE.

OHH...

SNAKES  
HIBERNATE IN  
THE WINTER...  
THAT MAY BE  
WHY AAYA  
CAN'T HANDLE  
THE COLD.

WINTER  
MUST BE  
TERRIBLE...

IT IS  
TERRIBLE.

Let's let  
him sleep  
for a  
while.

SOMETIMES,  
WHEN IT'S  
AS COLD AS  
IT IS TODAY,  
HE JUST  
TRANSFORMS  
LIKE THAT.



THAT'S  
SO COOL!!

REALLY...?

I CAN  
SEE WHY  
HATORI  
MUST  
HAVE HAD  
A HARD  
TIME...

WHAT  
THE HELL  
DOES HE  
MEAN "ONE  
AND ONLY  
MABUDACHI  
TRIO"...?



HATORI,  
AAYA AND  
MYSELF  
ARE ALL  
ROUGHLY  
THE SAME  
AGE...

...SO WE WENT  
THROUGH  
ELEMENTARY,  
MIDDLE, AND  
HIGH SCHOOL  
TOGETHER.

EH?!

THE THREE  
OF US MAKE  
UP THE ONE  
AND ONLY  
MABUDACHI  
TRIO.



UH...

OH, COME  
NOW, IT  
COULDN'T  
BE THAT  
BAD.

...UM...

YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
YOUR OLDER  
BROTHER.

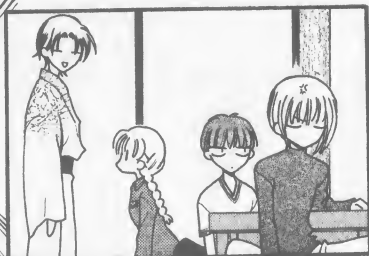


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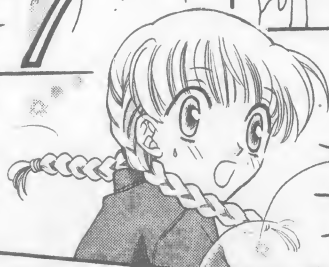
WHAT  
WERE YOU  
SO UPSET  
ABOUT,  
YUKI-KUN?

...IT'S SO  
DISGUSTING  
I DON'T EVEN  
WANT TO  
SAY.

EH?!



B--



B-  
BROTHER  
...?!

WHEN  
I SENSED  
SOMEONE WITH  
WARM SKIN  
APPROACHING...

...CAN YOU  
BLAME ME  
IF MY  
SURVIVAL  
INSTINCTS  
TOOK OVER.?

...I WAS  
MERELY  
LOOKING FOR  
WARMTH.

MY  
BODY WAS  
EXTREMELY  
COLD  
EARLIER...

PLEASE,  
ALLOW ME  
TO EXPLAIN  
MYSELF.



HAVE  
YOU BEEN  
WELL...

GREETINGS,  
EVERYONE!

...LITTLE  
BROTHER.



YOU  
SHOULD BE  
GLAD I HAVEN'T  
TAKEN YOU TO  
THE *POLICE*!!

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN,  
"SURVIVAL  
INSTINCTS"?!

With  
silver  
hair!

IT'S AN  
ADULT  
VERSION OF  
YUKI-KUN....!!



WELL,  
KYONKICHI  
ASIDE—

**STOP IT!!**



ER,  
UH, UM...

WHAT?

WHAT  
DID HE DO  
TO YOU?



I HAVEN'T  
SEEN YOU  
SINCE  
NEW  
YEAR'S.

LONG  
TIME NO  
SEE.



**I TOLD  
YOU TO  
STOP  
CALLING  
ME THAT!!**

OH, MY!

KYONKICHI  
REALLY IS  
HERE!



...AAYA?

WHY  
WOULD I DO  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT...

YOU  
DIDN'T  
CHEAT  
ON ME  
WHILE  
WE WERE  
APART,  
DID YOU...

...GURE-  
SAN?



WHAT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT?!

ALL  
RIGHT!!

YES! OF  
COURSE!

YOU  
CAME TO  
SEE HER,  
RIGHT?

THIS IS  
TOHRU  
HONDA-  
SAN.

Anyway...

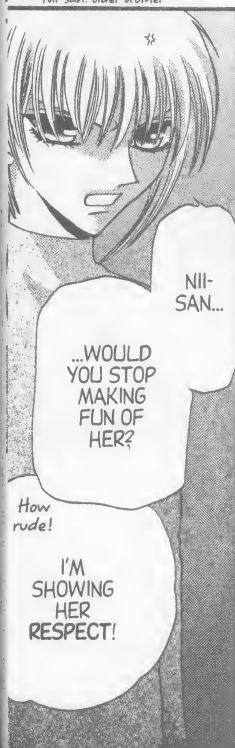
...AT  
LEAST HIS  
PERSONALITY  
IS DIFFERENT  
FROM YUKI-  
KUN'S...

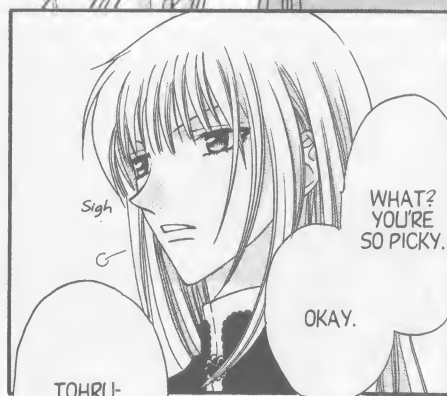
LIM...  
WELL...





\* Nii-san: older brother







ちゅう

THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT YUKI  
AND THE  
OTHERS.

THEY'RE  
NOT CHILDREN.  
THEY CAN FEED  
THEMSELVES.

B-BUT... I  
SHOULDN'T  
IMPOSE...

Now...

YOU  
MAY ORDER  
WHATEVER  
YOU LIKE.

I WILL BE  
HAVING  
GYOZA.

braid  
braidThat's  
a guy,  
right?I don't  
think  
so...

N-

NO, THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I MEANT  
AT ALL!!

ARE  
YOU SAYING  
YOU'LL  
REFUSE FOOD  
I BUY FOR  
YOU...?

THIS IS ALL  
HAPPENING  
SO FAST!

Eep!

You  
see!He  
decided →  
for her.

WAITER!  
WE'D  
LIKE TWO  
ORDERS OF  
GYOZA!

EXCELLENT  
...

\*Gyoza: dumpling



IT MAY  
BE MORE  
ACCURATE  
TO SAY WE'RE  
"NOT CLOSE."

AS YOU'VE  
SEEN, WE  
DON'T GET  
ALONG.

BUT  
IT'S NOT  
SURPRISING  
THAT YUKI  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING...



YUKI-KUN  
NEVER  
MENTIONED  
HAVING A  
BROTHER...

...OR  
THAT HIS  
BROTHER  
WAS ONE  
OF THE  
ZODIA--

gasp!★

DO KYO-  
KUN AND  
SHIGURE-  
SAN HAVE  
SIBLINGS,  
TOO?!

NOPE.  
THEY'RE  
"ONLY  
CHILD'S."



I GREW  
UP DOING  
WHATEVER  
I WANTED.

IT WAS  
SO BAD, I ONLY  
REMEMBERED IN  
PASSING THAT  
I EVEN HAD A  
BROTHER.

ISOLATED?

WE'RE  
TEN  
YEARS  
APART...

...AND SOON  
AFTER YUKI  
WAS BORN, HE  
WAS ISOLATED  
BECAUSE OF  
HIS ILLNESS.



YUKI...

I HEAR  
HE SAW  
AKITO AT  
SCHOOL.

.....



AND BY  
THE TIME  
I CAME  
AROUND...

...THERE  
WAS A DEEP,  
IMPOSING RIFT  
BETWEEN US.



I THOUGHT  
HE'D BEEN  
DEPRESSED  
RECENTLY...

...SO I CAME  
TO SEE YOU...  
OR RATHER,  
TO *CHECK*  
ON YUKI.



HOW  
SHOULD I  
PUT THIS...?  
I CAN'T REALLY  
EXPLAIN IT,  
BUT...

YOU MET  
HIM, TOO,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

...AKITO IS  
AN OBJECT  
OF TERROR  
FOR YUKI.

IT'S MUCH  
WORSE FOR  
HIM THAN FOR  
THE OTHER  
MEMBERS OF  
THE ZODIAC.



NOW  
YOU  
KNOW  
WHY.



DO  
YOU...  
REGRET  
IT?

THAT  
YOU...



I THOUGHT  
I MIGHT GET  
A CHANCE  
TO BE MORE  
OF A BIG  
BROTHER  
TO HIM.

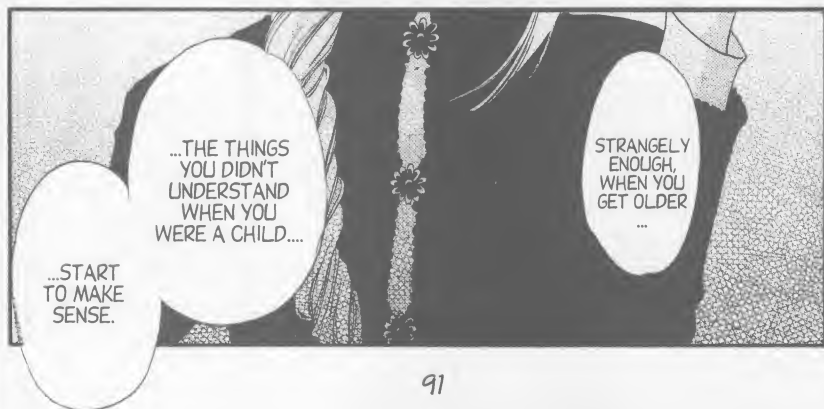
TO BE  
HONEST,  
I WAS  
DISAPPOINTED.

BUT I  
FOUND  
HIM SO  
CHEERFUL.



...WEREN'T  
ALWAYS  
THERE.

.....



...THE THINGS  
YOU DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
WHEN YOU  
WERE A CHILD....

STRANGELY  
ENOUGH,  
WHEN YOU  
GET OLDER  
...

...START  
TO MAKE  
SENSE.



MAYBE  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
THEY  
MEAN...

...WHEN  
THEY  
SAY...

...ADULTS  
ARE  
SELFISH.

IT MAY BE  
CLOSER TO  
REPENTANCE.

SO IT MAY  
BE THAT I  
DO WANT TO  
REPENT...

...AND  
ERASE THE  
IGNORANT  
SELF FROM  
MY CHILD-  
HOOD.

"WHEN THIS  
HAPPENED,  
I SHOULD  
HAVE DONE  
THAT."

"WHEN  
THAT  
HAPPENED,  
I SHOULD  
HAVE SAID  
THIS."

...THOSE  
TYPES OF  
THINGS.

YOU  
START TO  
*UNDERSTAND*  
RATHER THAN  
*REGRET.*



IF YOU  
CAN REALLY  
REMEMBER HOW  
YOU FELT WHEN  
YOU WERE A  
CHILD...

...THE  
FIRST TIME  
SOMEONE  
GOT  
REALLY  
MAD AT  
YOU...

THE  
FIRST TIME  
YOU DID A  
SOMERSAULT  
...



...EVEN WHEN  
YOU'RE AN  
ADULT OR  
A PARENT,  
THEN YOU CAN  
UNDERSTAND  
EACH OTHER.

EVEN IF  
IT'S NOT  
100%...

...YOU CAN  
MEET EACH  
OTHER HALF-  
WAY...SHE  
SAID.

BECAUSE...





...THINKING  
THAT WAY...

...REMINDS  
YOU THAT  
LIFE IS  
FUN.

.....



Stare

は



...YOU SHOULD  
MEET HALFWAY  
FROM NOW ON!!

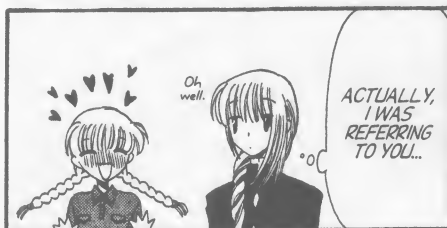
YUKI-KUN  
AND AYAME-  
SAN...

AH!

NO, THAT  
IS, UM...

...WHAT I  
MEANT TO  
SAY WAS--

UM, I  
MEAN--





...TO  
HONOR  
YUKI WITH  
YOUR  
FRIENDSHIP.

PLEASE,  
CONTINUE...

AT  
THAT  
TIME...



Yes!

WHAT DID  
YOU DO FOR  
LUNCH?

MORE  
IMPOR-  
TANTLY,  
NII-SAN  
DIDN'T...

...CAUSE  
YOU ANY  
TROUBLE,  
DID HE?

NO! HE  
TREATED  
ME TO  
GYOZA!

...AYAME-  
SAN  
WAS...



HONDA-  
SAN...

...ARE  
YOU  
OKAY?!





...MY  
LITTLE  
BROTHER!



ER...

ずり...



BECAUSE  
I'M A  
SNAKE!



UM,  
THIS--

WHEN WE  
LEFT THE  
RESTAURANT, HE  
GOT COLD AND  
TRANSFORMED...

...AND IF  
SNAKES GET  
TOO COLD,  
THEY DIE!

OH, YUKI-KUN...

IF ONLY YOU  
COULD HAVE SEEN  
AYAME-SAN.

YOU'RE NOT  
A BROTHER  
OR ANYTHING  
ELSE TO ME!!

Y-yuki-  
kun...

Ha  
ha  
ha!  
YOU CAN'T  
CHANGE  
THE TRUTH,  
YUKI.

Crash

Bang

Oh,  
welcome  
back, you  
two.

Smack

HE LOOKED  
LIKE AN OLDER  
BROTHER...

AND HE  
SMILED.

EH?

YOU'RE  
STAYING  
HERE?

GURE-SAN,  
WHERE MAY  
I SLEEP  
TONIGHT?



## Chapter 22

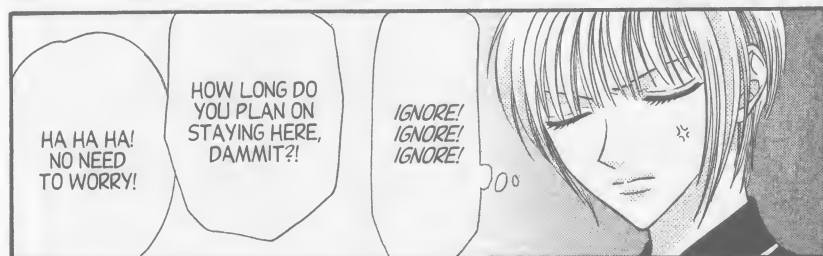


#### ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 4

People who like stuff like that, really like it. But I'd like it if they'd stop getting my manga involved...^-^-- I'm kidding! The Mabudachi trio's years in high school are actually pretty muddled. They were still kids. They're probably the way they are now because of their "flower," but it wasn't always fun.



**I'LL  
KILL  
YOU!!**



Gyaa!  
Rahr!

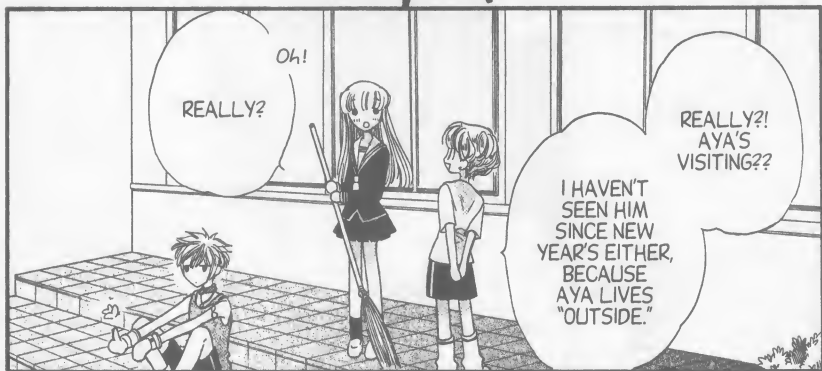
IT'S BEEN  
THREE DAYS  
SINCE AYAME-  
SAN ARRIVED....

I'LL BE  
STAYING IN  
TOHRI-KUN'S  
ROOM TONIGHT!

GO  
HOME  
!!

...AND  
THE RIFT  
BETWEEN  
HIM AND  
YUKI-KUN...

...ONLY  
SEEMS TO BE  
GROWING.



REALLY?

Oh!

REALLY?!  
AYA'S  
VISITING??

I HAVEN'T  
SEEN HIM  
SINCE NEW  
YEAR'S EITHER,  
BECAUSE  
AYA LIVES  
"OUTSIDE."



AH!  
YUKI...

UH...  
WELL...



THAT'S  
"BONDING"

...

HOW'S  
YUKI? IS HE  
HAPPY?

MAYBE  
I'LL GO  
SEE HIM.

BUT I  
PROBABLY  
SHOULDN'T  
GET IN THE  
WAY OF THE  
BROTHERS'  
BOUNDING!



REALLY...  
YEAH.

OKAY.

?



I SEE.



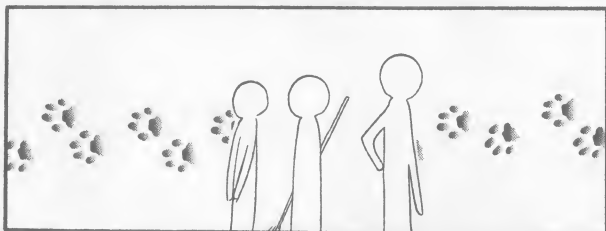
IS YUKI  
SICK?

EH!

UM...

# Fruits Basket 4 Part 4:

As usual, I'm playing video games. I play so many that I can't list them all. I'm stuck on the last boss in Persona 2....With the Megami Tensei series, I'm the type who, once stopped, takes a while to get back to it. I stopped playing Persona 1 for several months before I finally beat it. I'm also stopped in the middle of "Ore-Shika" (Ed: short for "Ore no Shikabane o Koete Yuke." Not published in the U.S.). It looks like I just can't go on. It's interesting. I wonder why I can't go on...? Actually, I bet I know why--the older I get, the harder it is for me to concentrate. It's scary. I think there are a bunch of other games I'm playing too much. This has nothing to do with it, but my handwriting is really bad.



AYA SAYS  
THAT HE  
SELLS  
ROMANCE!

HE  
SELLS  
...

WELL  
...

...I'M NOT  
SURE.

...  
DRESSES?

*Out of the  
counsel of  
three comes  
wisdom.*

He's  
still...

...here.

OH MY...

...I AM  
IMPRESSED.

TO COME  
STRAIGHT HOME  
AFTER SCHOOL  
LIKE THAT. DID  
YOU MISS ME  
THAT MUCH?

IF YOU  
ASK ME, I'D  
RATHER BE  
ALONE WITH  
TOHRU-KUN  
AGAIN.

Welcome  
home.

THAT'S WHY  
WE WERE  
WORRIED...





WHAT  
WERE YOU  
LOOKING  
AT?

THIS?

IT'S AN  
ALBUM  
FROM  
WHEN  
WE WERE  
IN HIGH  
SCHOOL.

AND  
AYAME-  
SAN LOOKS  
EXACTLY  
LIKE YUKI-  
KUN...

SHIGURE-SAN  
AND HATORI-  
SAN LOOK  
SO YOUNG!

WOW...



I'VE ALLOWED  
THAT COLOR,  
BUT I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
SAYING YOU  
COULD HAVE  
LONG HAIR.

HAVE  
IT CUT BY  
TOMORROW.

THE  
PRINCIPAL  
CALLED ME  
OVER...

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
EXPLAIN!

IT WAS...  
YES... RIGHT  
AFTER  
ORIENTATION  
...

HE JUST  
WANTS  
TO TALK,  
DOESN'T  
HE...?


BUT  
PRINCIPAL  
...

NO! RULES  
ARE MADE  
TO BE  
FOLLOWED.


I'LL CALL  
THE HEAD  
OF YOUR  
FAMILY...

...I COME  
FROM A  
ROYAL  
FAMILY.

!...



IT WAS FROM KANDORA-SAMA,  
WHO ILLUMINES THE FOUR  
DIRECTIONS WITH GOLD AND RED  
LIGHT. WHEN KANDORA-SAMA  
CHANTED "MA RUDU MANI," HIS  
FOREHEAD SHONE WITH A BLUE  
LIGHT AND, LIKE A PONY STRUCK  
BY A WHIP, RURUBARA-SAMA'S  
HONORABLE PERSON WAS LIBER-  
ATED. WITH A WAVE OF WARM  
COMPASSION, LIKE TREES THAT  
BEND IN A LIGHT BREEZE, HIS  
SLIPPLE TRESSES GREW...




I'VE BEEN  
HIDING IT  
UNTIL NOW,  
BUT THERE'S  
A COUNTRY TO  
WHICH I MUST  
RETURN.

HUH?

WH-  
WHAT?

IF YOU MUST  
KNOW, MY  
HAIR HAS  
TO BE LONG  
BECAUSE...

...IT IS SAID  
THAT THE  
FIRST KING, THE  
HONORABLE  
RURUBARA-  
SAMA, RECEIVED  
A MESSAGE  
WHEN HE  
REACHED THE  
AGE OF FOUR.



...NOW, MEANWHILE,  
KASHIPARLU-SAMA WAS  
IN HIS CHAMBERS SLEEP-  
ING PEACEFULLY, LIKE A  
FLOWER WAITING TO BUD,  
AND HE GAVE VOICE TO  
THE PAIN THAT WAS IN HIS  
HEART, "KAMPANIIRU....!"



I'M SORRY,  
BUT I  
HAVE TO  
GO MEET  
WITH  
SOME--

UH, ERRR,  
UH, JUST--

"KAMPANIIRU,"  
IN THE TONGUE  
OF MY PEOPLE,  
MEANS, "COME  
FORTH, OCEAN  
OF GOD'S POWER;  
GO FORTH,  
VENERATION."



THAT'S OKAY!!  
YOU CAN HAVE  
LONG HAIR!!!

I'M  
NOT DONE  
EXPLAINING  
ABOUT  
KANDORA-  
SAMA.



YOU'RE  
FROM A  
ROYAL  
FAMILY?!

You're---!!

HE WAS  
OBVIOUSLY  
LYING!

AND  
SO...

...WITH THAT  
EXPLANATION,  
I WAS  
ALLOWED  
TO HAVE  
LONG HAIR.



AAYA  
WAS THE  
STUDENT  
BODY  
PRESIDENT.

WANT TO  
HEAR SOME-  
THING MORE  
UNBELIEVABLE?

I  
CAN'T  
...  
BELIEVE  
IT.

OH, THE  
MEMORIES  
...

Mm-  
mm.



EVERYONE  
WAS CHARMED  
BY AAYA'S  
UNPREDICTABLE  
BEHAVIOR.

THAT'S  
WONDERFUL!

In the  
winter he  
wore a fur  
coat.

Stop  
acting  
like a  
fool.  
Let's  
go.

WHILE AAYA  
WAS IN CHARGE,  
HE REALLY MADE  
A DIFFERENCE.  
RULES CHANGED.  
SCHOOL WAS  
FUN.

AAYA  
WAS VERY  
POPULAR  
IN HIGH  
SCHOOL..  
AFTER  
ALL...

...HE WAS  
STRIKINGLY  
GOOD-  
LOOKING.



SO MUCH  
MORE  
RESPON-  
SIBLE.

REMEMBER  
THE CLASS  
TRIP INCIDENT?

DO I?



HOW  
COULD I  
FORGET?!



OH NO,  
I ALWAYS  
THOUGHT TORI-  
SAN WOULD  
HAVE MADE A  
*MUCH* BETTER  
PRESIDENT...

I GUESS  
HE HAD  
A KNACK  
FOR IT.



NOW'S YOUR  
CHANCE TO  
BRIDGE THE  
GAP BETWEEN  
YOU TWO,  
AYAME-SAN!!

IT'S YOUR  
CHANCE!!

YUKI-KUN'S  
SHOWING  
INTEREST IN  
AYAME-SAN!!

WELL...

...ON THE  
TRIP, SOME  
OF THE  
STUDENTS...  
THAT IS  
TO SAY...



...  
WHAT?

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
?



GasP!

HE--!

HE--



A few  
students  
wandered  
over to the  
red light  
district.



IT WAS A PLACE  
ANY CURIOUS  
YOUNG MAN MIGHT  
FIND HIMSELF  
WANDERING.

PLEASE  
DON'T JUDGE  
THEM TOO  
HARSHLY!

Oh!

OOH.



HOWEVER, IF  
ALL SEXUAL  
DESIRE IS  
DENIED AS IF  
IT IS EVIL, WE  
CANNOT HELP  
BUT REGRET IT.

THEY SET  
FOOT IN THE  
RED LIGHT  
DISTRICT AS  
MINORS...NOT  
A LAUDABLE  
ACTION.

RULES ARE  
MADE TO BE  
FOLLOWED.  
IT'S SAID. IF  
THEY ARE  
NOT, ORDER  
IS LOST.

THEREFORE,  
HERE AND  
NOW, I MAKE A  
PROPOSAL:

TO THE  
UNDER-AGED  
YOUTHS WHO  
CARRY THESE  
CARNAL  
DESIRES... TO  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE NO PLACE  
WITHIN OUR  
VAGUE RULES...

...LET US  
EXTEND THE  
HAND OF  
SALVATION!!

YOU'RE  
UNUSUALLY  
SERIOUS  
TODAY!!

AYAME-  
KUN...!

Oohh...

SO HE  
WAS JUST  
PLAYING  
DUMB ALL  
THIS TIME...

BECAUSE  
HUMANS  
BEAR THE RE-  
SPONSIBILITY OF  
MULTIPLYING AND  
REPLENISHING  
THE EARTH.

I BELIEVE  
THAT SEXUAL  
DESIRE IS  
IN PART A  
DESIRE TO  
FULFILL THAT  
OBLIGATION.

IS THAT  
SOMETHING  
TO BE  
ASHAMED  
OF? IS IT  
A SIN?

PRESI-  
DENT...

FROM  
NOW  
ON...

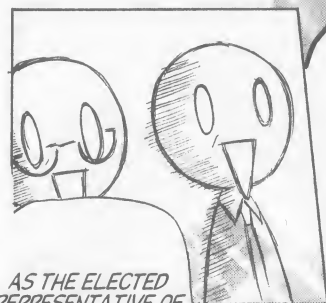
...DIRECT  
YOUR  
PASSIONS  
AT ME!!

AS THE ELECTED  
REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE STUDENT BODY,  
IT IS ONLY A MATTER  
OF COURSE THAT  
I SHOULD SHOULD  
ALL THEIR CARNAL  
DESIRES.

FURTHERMORE,  
IF IT COMES  
FROM OTHER  
MEN, THEN  
EVEN THEIR  
GUARDIANS  
SHOULD BE  
RELIEVED!

NOW,  
PLEASE...  
LIST  
AFTER  
ME!

OF  
COURSE  
WE  
WILL!





IF IT'S  
COMES  
DOWN TO  
"ATTACK" OR  
"ACCEPT"...

...I CHOOSE  
TO "ACCEPT"!!

YOU  
IDIOT!!!



Ha  
ha  
ha

NO NEED TO  
WORRY, HATOR!!  
I MAY APPEAR  
FRAGILE, BUT  
I'M IN CONTROL!

HE REALLY  
WAS AN  
IDIOT!!

SUCH AN  
IDIOT!!





How  
rude!

THANKS TO  
THAT INCIDENT,  
EVERYONE WAS  
SAVED FROM  
EXPULSION.

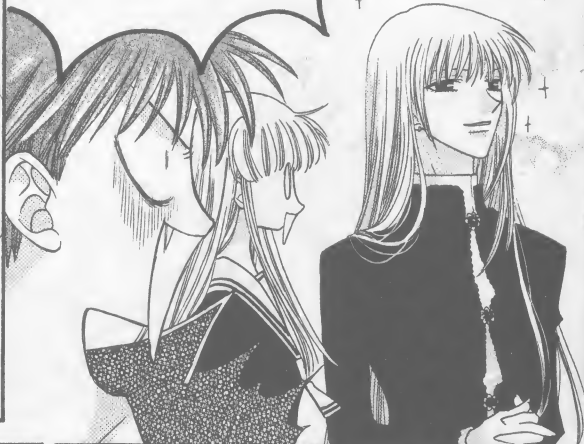
HOW?!

BECAUSE  
AFTERWARD,  
HAA-SAN  
STEPPED IN  
AND BAILED  
EVERYONE  
OUT.

WHAT AN  
IDIOTIC  
STORY!!

AND...

...SO GOES MY  
WONDERFUL  
STORY.



HAVE  
YOU COME TO  
UNDERSTAND A  
LITTLE MORE  
ABOUT YOUR  
BROTHER?!

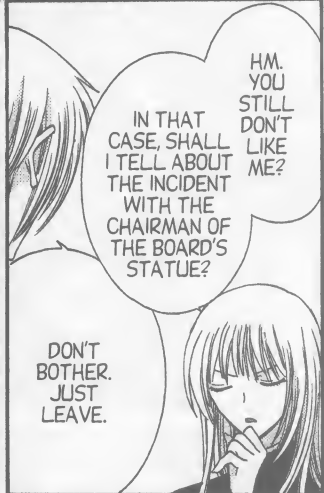


WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK,  
YUKI?

...AND AYAA  
KEPT HIS  
PRESIDENCY  
UNTIL  
GRADUATION.

WHAT  
?!









TORI-SAN,  
DID YOU  
WALK  
HERE?

NO, I'M  
PARKED  
OUT  
FRONT.

I'LL DRIVE  
AS AN  
APOLOGY!



WELL...

BYE-BYE!

HUH?!



YOU'RE  
THE ONE WHO  
CAUSED THE  
"EXCITEMENT" ...!

BUT DON'T  
FRET. I'LL  
BE BACK...  
LITTLE  
BROTHER.

WITH  
EVERYTHING  
THAT  
HAPPENED,  
ALL THE  
EXCITEMENT,  
WE DIDN'T  
REALLY  
HAVE TIME  
TO TALK.

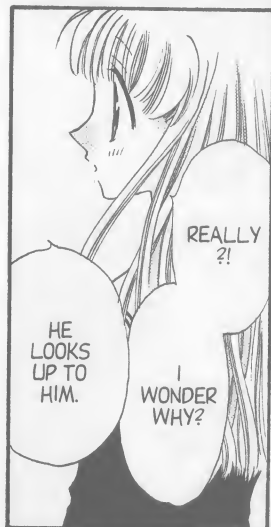
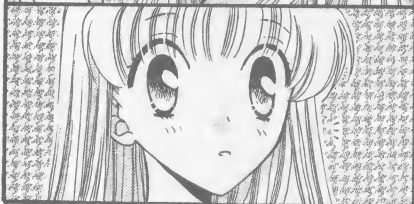
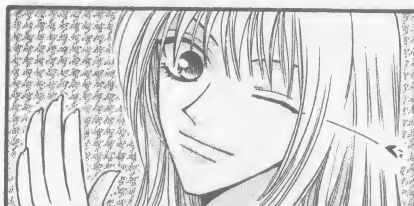


WHAT  
THE  
HELL'S  
GOING  
ON?!

ARE YOU  
SAD TO SEE  
ME GO?

TORI-SAN HAS  
COME TO GET  
ME, SO I *MUST*  
GO...

YUKI!





ONCE, A  
LONG TIME  
AGO, HE  
TALKED  
SERIOUSLY  
TO ME  
ABOUT IT.

I GUESS--  
TO PUT IT  
SIMPLY--HE  
LOVES HIM.

HAA-SAN...

...HAS  
SOMETHING  
THAT AAYA  
ADMIRE.

HE  
LOOKS  
UP TO  
HIM...AND  
ADORES  
HIM



I'M  
SORRY TO  
TROUBLE  
YOU LIKE  
THIS.

well,  
yeah,  
that too.

SO...

...HATORI  
BECAME  
HIS BABY-  
SITTER?



YUKI'S  
NOT  
STUPID.

HE'S  
JUST...



HE'S  
STILL A  
CHILD.

THERE ARE  
STILL A  
LOT OF  
THINGS...

...HE CAN'T  
GIVE UP.



OH, BUT  
I DO!

I JUST  
CAN'T SEEM  
TO GET YUKI  
TO OPEN  
UP.

THEN  
PERHAPS  
YOU SHOULD  
CONSIDER  
YOUR ACTIONS  
NEXT TIME...



THERE'S  
NO RUSH.



...  
RESEMBLES  
YOU A  
LITTLE.

TOHRU-  
KUN...

!

HOW IS IT  
THAT HE...

...ALWAYS  
SAYS WHAT  
I WANT HIM  
TO SAY?

Heh  
heh.

SHE  
SPENDS  
ALL HER  
ENERGY  
HELPING  
OTHER  
PEOPLE.

HOW...

I REALLY  
CAN'T  
COMPETE  
WITH YOU...

...TORI-  
SAN...

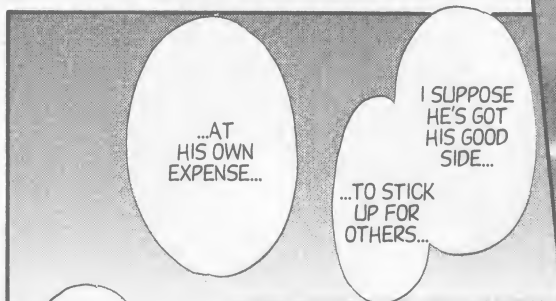
I'M  
REALLY...

...BAD...

...AT THAT  
SORT OF  
THING.



"THERE'S NO RUSH."



BUT AYAME-SAN'S STORIES ARE VERY FUNNY!



HE'S HOPELESS.





"YOU  
SHOULD  
TRY..."

...TO  
MEET  
EACH  
OTHER  
HALF-  
WAY."



What?  
What?



HARU.

UM...

HEY.

Didn't  
← bring  
anything.

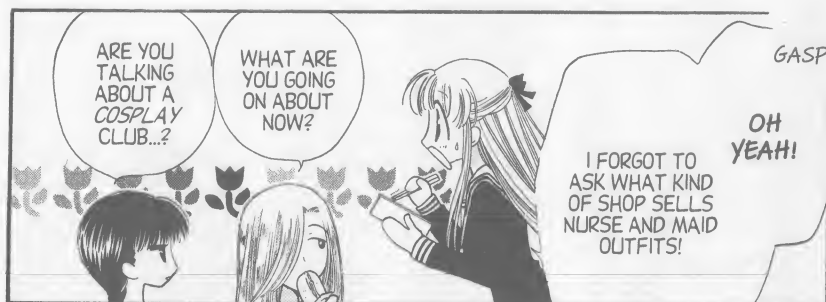


"THINKING THAT  
WAY IS MORE FUN."



YOU  
LOOKED  
OUT  
FOR ME  
YESTER-  
DAY  
...

THANKS.



ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT A  
COSPLAY  
CLUB...?

WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
ON ABOUT  
NOW?

I FORGOT TO  
ASK WHAT KIND  
OF SHOP SELLS  
NURSE AND MAID  
OUTFITS!

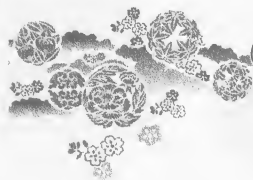
GASP!

OH  
YEAH!



## Chapter 23

# THANK YOU!

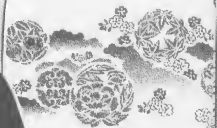
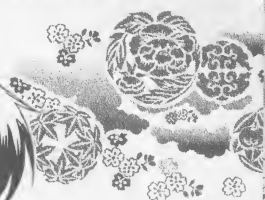


NAN DESU YO,  
ONCE AGAIN!

Harada-sama, Araki-sama,  
mother, editor-sama ...and  
everyone who reads Furuba and  
supports me!

*This has been Natsuki Takaya.*

Next is Kagura, a flower. After that will  
be Momitchi, then Hatori--in the order  
they appeared in the series (that way,  
you clearly know their names and  
faces). I'll keep going through the  
members of the Zodiac one after  
another. Of course, even if I haven't  
gotten to them all, when it's time for  
Furuba to end, it will end. This is an  
unpleasant topic, but it can't be avoided.





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### ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 5

They don't match at all! The chapter title page and the actual contents!! (I have no one to blame but myself.) Whether for good or ill, my mother is a big part of my life, so I can't think of Tohru or Momitchi as strangers. Well, they're not strangers! Each character that I create is an extension of myself. They're closer to me than if they were my children.

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SHIGURE-  
SAN...

...IT'S  
ABOUT  
MAY 1ST...

**Fruits Basket 4**  
**Part 5:**

Marlow, from the RPG Kaeru Bibak, is adorable. I haven't seen the ending yet, but I'm really happy that the main character is female. In real life, I don't think I'd get along with Marlow, though. I mean, I think I'm the type of person Marlow hates! I always like the characters that wouldn't like me. Lately, I've been playing Chrono Cross. I wasn't interested before, but I saw the commercial in the game store and I thought, "I have to play it!!" I was caught in their trap. Completely! (ha ha!)



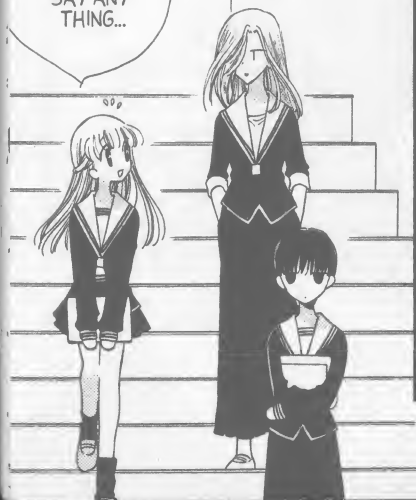




REALLY?

SO PRINCE  
CHARMING'S  
COMING ALONG?  
WHAT ABOUT  
KYON?

OH...  
I DON'T  
KNOW. HE  
DIDN'T  
SAY ANY-  
THING...



THANK  
YOU...

...THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH!

MOM WILL  
BE SO  
HAPPY!

KYO-  
KUN...



IF YOU DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
PLANS, YOU  
SHOULD GO,  
TOO.



THAT  
WOULD BE  
TERRIBLE!!

...In so  
many  
ways!

...SHE'D  
SQUEEZE  
HARD  
ENOUGH TO  
BREAK HIS  
BACK...

AND THEN,  
WHEN KYO  
SOHMA WAS  
BOILING  
WITH RAGE...



I BET  
KYOKO-SAN  
WOULD  
LIKE KYON.

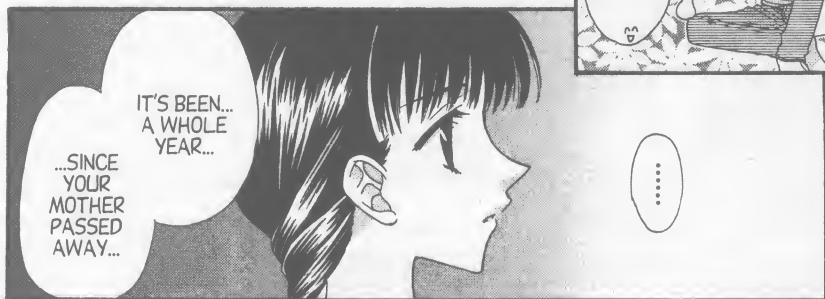
SHE'D  
TEASE  
HIM LIKE  
CRAZY.

Orange,  
orange!

I'm  
going to  
eat you!  
p-p...

Like this?

AH  
Ha Ha!



IT'S BEEN...  
A WHOLE  
YEAR...

...SINCE  
YOUR  
MOTHER  
PASSED  
AWAY...



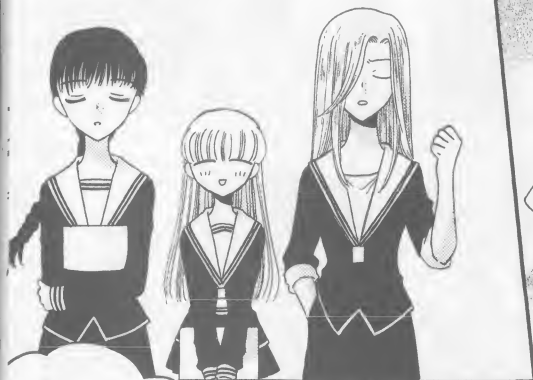
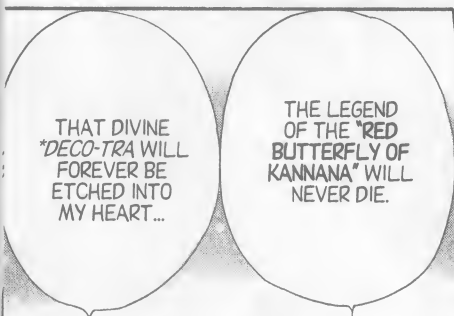
...SMILING  
LIKE SHE  
ALWAYS  
DID...

...I STILL FEEL  
LIKE SHE'LL  
SHOW UP ANY  
MINUTE...

...AND  
SAYING,  
"MY BAD,  
MY BAD!"

Hah.

YEAH,  
BUT,  
YOU  
KNOW  
...



\*Deco-tra - the inscription on Kyoko's coat--  
see the pic of Uu-chan on page 143 of vol. 1 for an example.









...IF TOHRU-KUN WERE TO DIE, I...

...I WONDER IF I'D BE ABLE TO SMILE AGAIN...

I...



...THAT I COULD FORGET EVER HAVING MET HER?

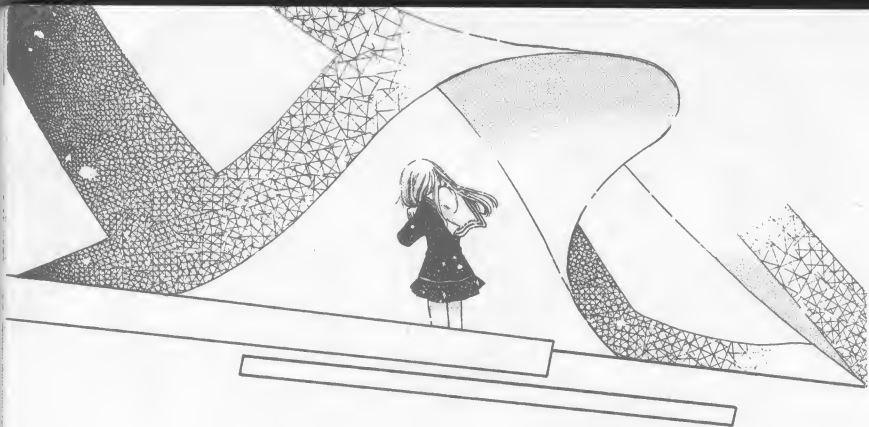
Still thinking.

...OR IF I'D WISH...



...IS SO STRONG...

TOHRU-KUN...





Mutti!!

はっ

WHICH ONE  
OF YOUR  
PARENTS IS  
GERMAN?

OH  
YEAH...

MOMIJI-  
KUN?

(What?)  
was?

\*Sign: sort your trash



MOO  
TEA...?

H-he said it  
before. What  
was it...?

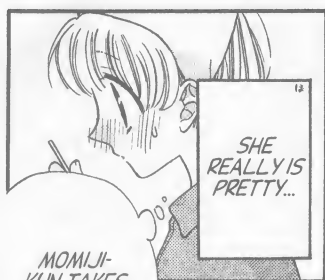
That  
means  
my mom!



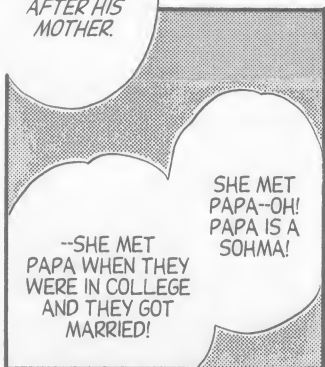
OH! YOUR  
MOTHER!

Ta-daaaaah!

I HAVE A  
PICTURE!



MOMIJI-KIN TAKES AFTER HIS MOTHER.



SHE MET PAPA--OH! PAPA IS A SOHMA!

--SHE MET PAPA WHEN THEY WERE IN COLLEGE AND THEY GOT MARRIED!



Hee hee hee!

SH-SH-SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!!

SH-



AND! AND! I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER!

HER NAME'S MOMO!



MOMO LOOKS JUST LIKE MAMA!



PAPA WAS LUCKY TO GET SUCH A PRETTY GIRL!

y-YEAH...

キキキキキキ



Ja!

SHE'S  
IN THE  
SECOND  
GRADE  
RIGHT  
NOW.

AH! BUT  
MOMO ISN'T  
A MEMBER  
OF THE  
ZODIAC.

YOU HAVE  
A SISTER,  
MOMIJI-KUN?!



CUTE!

SHE'S  
SOOO--



AND!  
AND! SHE  
LOOKS  
JUST LIKE  
MAMA!

SHE'S  
SOOOO  
SPOILED!

SHE  
FOLLOWS  
MAMA  
AROUND  
LIKE A BABY  
CHICK.

SHE HAS  
A LOT OF  
TROUBLE  
WITH IT.

BUT SHE  
DOESN'T  
SPEAK MUCH  
JAPANESE.

MAMA  
AND MOMO  
USUALLY  
COME TO  
PICK UP  
PAPA FROM  
WORK.

THAT  
SOUNDS  
NICE...

AH! IT  
MIGHT BE  
TIME!

SO YOU'LL  
ALL GO  
HOME  
TOGETHER,  
RIGHT?



HUH...?

MOMIJI-  
CHAN?



BUT MAMA  
DOESN'T...

...KNOW  
ABOUT ME.

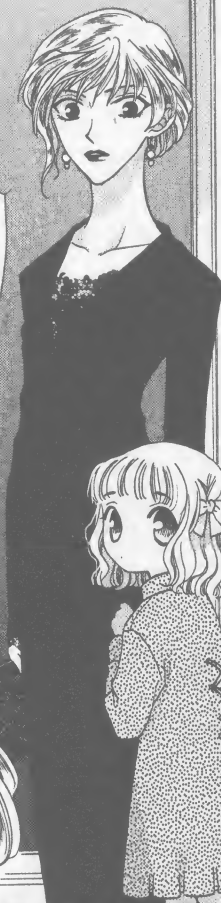


YEAH!  
I WISH!



...IN A PLACE  
LIKE THIS  
SO LATE AT  
NIGHT?

IS THAT  
YOU,  
MOMIJI-  
CHAN?





"MAMA  
DOESN'T  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
ME."



...!

SPEAK OF  
THE DEVIL...  
AS THEY  
SAY!!

SO THIS  
GIRL IS  
MOMO-  
SAN?!



BUT THIS  
ISN'T A PLAY-  
GROUND.

I KNOW!  
I'M  
SORRY.

BE-  
SIDES  
...



Heh  
MY FRIEND  
WORKS HERE  
PART-TIME...

...SO I CAME  
TO PLAY  
WITH HER!

REALLY,  
MOMIJI-KUN  
LOOKS MORE  
LIKE HIS  
MOTHER...





IF YOU  
STAY  
OUT TOO  
LATE...

...WON'T YOUR  
MOTHER  
WORRY?

OH? DON'T  
TAKE ANY  
SHORTCUTS.

IT'S OKAY.  
I'M GOING  
NOW!



THANK  
YOU FOR  
CLEANING.

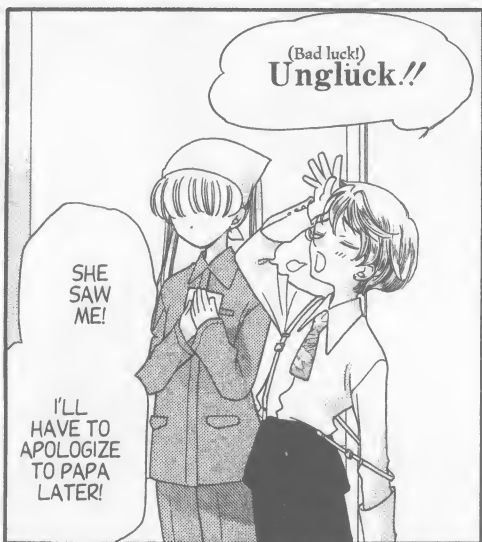
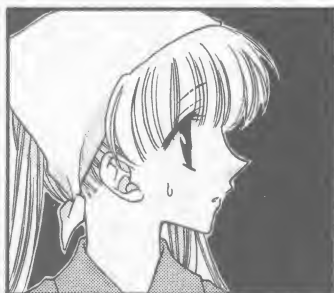
OKAY,  
MOMO,  
LET'S GO.


PAPA MUST  
BE TIRED OF  
WAITING.

OH...

YE...

S...





...AND THEN  
HAVE IT TURN  
INTO A STRANGE  
BABY ANIMAL...

TO MEET  
YOUR  
TRUE  
LOVE...


...THEN  
MARRY  
YOUR TRUE  
LOVE...

...AND  
HAVE A  
BABY WITH  
YOUR TRUE  
LOVE...

WHAT  
DESPAIR...

...A MOTHER  
WOULD FEEL.

...AND  
HOLD  
THAT  
BABY...



CHILDREN  
WHO ARE  
CURSED BY  
VENGEFUL  
SPIRITS...

...ARE  
BORN TWO  
MONTHS  
EARLIER  
THAN  
NORMAL.



THINKING  
ABOUT IT  
NOW...

...I CAN  
TELL  
SHE WAS  
BROKEN.

JUST LIKE  
KANA.

MOMIJI...

SHE  
REJECTED  
ME WITH  
HER WHOLE  
BODY.

SHE  
WOULDN'T  
LOOK AT  
ME.

SHE WAS  
ALWAYS  
IRRITATED...

...ALWAYS  
HYSTERICAL...

THE MOTHERS  
OF CHILDREN  
POSSESSED  
BY VENGEFUL  
SPIRITS...

...EITHER  
BECOME  
EXTREMELY  
OVER-  
PROTECTIVE  
OF THEM...

...OR  
REJECT  
THEM  
ENTIRELY.

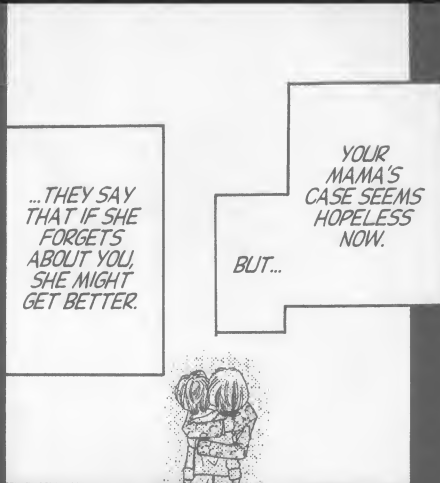
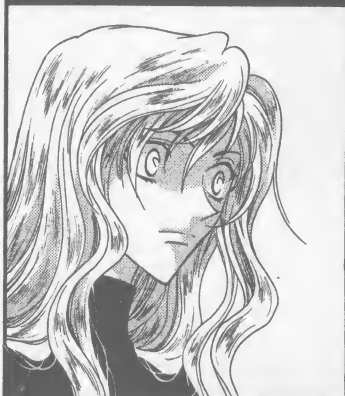
MY MAMA  
REJECTED  
ME.



...ARE YOU  
REALLY  
OKAY WITH  
FORGETTING?

ARE  
YOU  
REALLY  
...

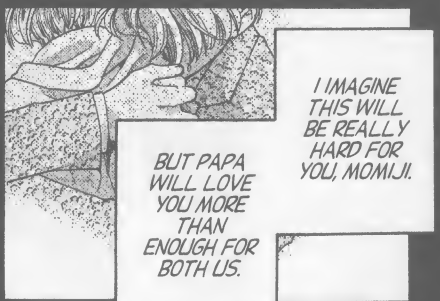
YOU WON'T...  
REGRET IT?



...THEY SAY  
THAT IF SHE  
FORGETS  
ABOUT YOU,  
SHE MIGHT  
GET BETTER.

YOUR  
MAMA'S  
CASE SEEMS  
HOPELESS  
NOW.

BUT...



BUT PAPA  
WILL LOVE  
YOU MORE  
THAN  
ENOUGH FOR  
BOTH US.

I IMAGINE  
THIS WILL  
BE REALLY  
HARD FOR  
YOU, MOMIJI.



IF YOU LOVE  
MAMA TOO...

...WILL YOU  
HELP HER?



AND SO...

...I DIS-  
APPEARED  
FROM  
MAMA'S  
MEMORIES.

MAMA  
EVENTUALLY  
GOT BETTER.

IN TWO  
MONTHS,  
SHE COULD  
SMILE  
AGAIN.

...IS THAT THAT  
CREATURE CAME  
OUT OF MY BODY.

THE GREATEST  
REGRET I HAVE  
IN THIS LIFE...



AND...



HE'S BEEN  
WATCHING  
OVER HER ALL  
THIS TIME.  
HASN'T HE?

"She's  
sooooo  
cute!"

QUIETLY...



...I THINK...

BUT...

...HE WAS  
PROBABLY  
HERE TO SEE  
HIS MOTHER.

WHEN I MET  
HIM HERE  
THE FIRST  
TIME...

...FROM  
FAR  
AWAY...

...SO SHE  
WOULDN'T  
SEE HIM.



IF I KEEP  
THEM AND  
KEEP TRYING,  
WITHOUT  
RUNNING  
AWAY...

EVEN...

...I WANT ...

...TO LIVE  
WITH ALL MY  
MEMORIES.

...IF I KEEP  
TRYING, THEN  
SOMEDAY...

...SOME-  
DAY I'LL BE  
STRONG ENOUGH  
THAT THOSE  
MEMORIES  
CAN'T DEFEAT  
ME.

I  
BELIEVE  
THAT.

...EVEN IF  
THEY'RE  
MEMORIES  
THAT I'D  
RATHER  
FORGET.



EVEN IF  
THEY'RE SAD  
MEMORIES.



EVEN IF  
THEY'RE  
MEMORIES  
THAT ONLY  
HURT ME.



I  
WANT  
TO...

...BELIEVE  
THAT.



...AS A  
MEMORY  
THAT'S  
OKAY TO  
FORGET.

BECAUSE  
I WANT TO  
THINK...

...THAT  
THERE'S  
NO SUCH  
THING...



BUT...

...THAT  
WAS MY  
SELFISHNESS.



I WANTED  
HER TO KEEP  
TRYING.



...DIDN'T  
WANT  
MAMA TO  
FORGET.

THAT'S  
WHY...

...THAT'S  
WHY I  
REALLY  
...



YES...

...ME TOO.



*I WANT TO  
TAKE ANY  
MEMORY...*

*...AND HOLD IT  
IN MY HEART...*

I  
ALSO...

...BELIEVE  
THAT.





I'M  
GOING  
WITH  
YOU.

YOU  
KNOW...

...TO  
VISIT  
HER  
GRAVE.

...AND  
BELIEVE  
THAT.



SO I CAN BE  
SOMEONE  
WHO WON'T  
LET THOSE  
MEMORIES  
DEFEAT ME.

Why  
are you  
telling  
me...?

...  
?

HEY.



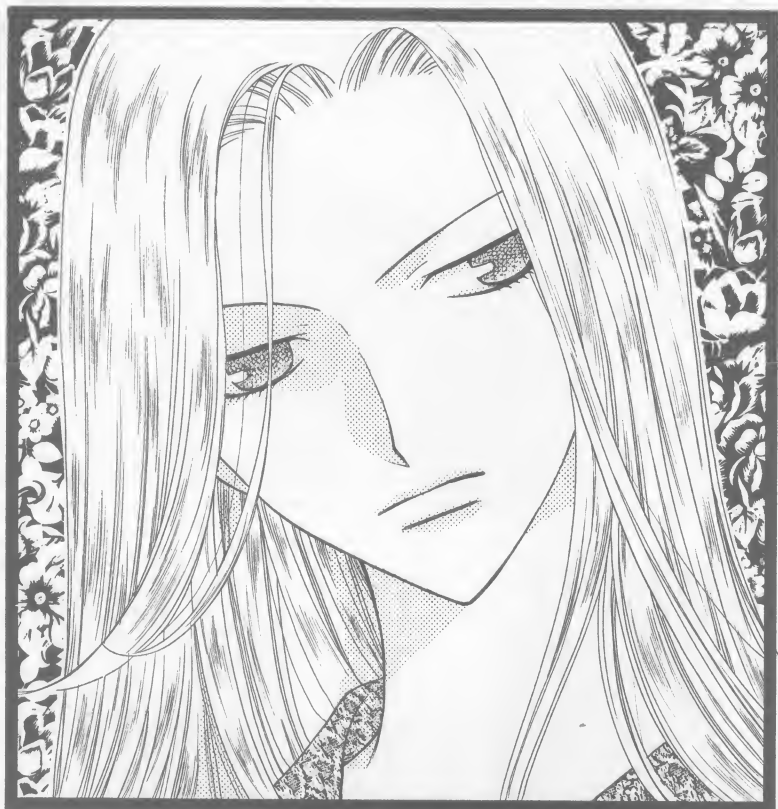
...AND  
WE'LL HAVE  
PRECIOUS  
MEMORIES.



SOMEDAY...

...WE'LL  
OVERCOME  
THE PAIN...





## Chapter 24



WHAT SHOULD  
I CALL...

...THIS FEELING?

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### ULTRA SPECIAL BLAH BLAH BLAH 6

*This is where volume 4 ends!! This one's been really talky!! (But once again, I have no one to blame but myself.) But it's okay! (What is?) A lot of people told me they thought they should have kissed. Sorry, but I didn't want them to, and as the author, it's up to me...*

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IT HAS A  
HOMEY  
FEELING.  
I LIKE IT!

YES!

THIS  
TEMPLE IS  
TINY...



BUT...

IT'S BEEN SO  
OVERCAST  
LATELY, I WAS  
WORRIED...

I'M GLAD THE  
WEATHER IS  
SO NICE.



WHY  
WOULD YOU  
WANT THAT  
FEELING FROM  
A TEMPLE...?

Huh?!

IS THAT  
STRANGE?!

IT'S OKAY.

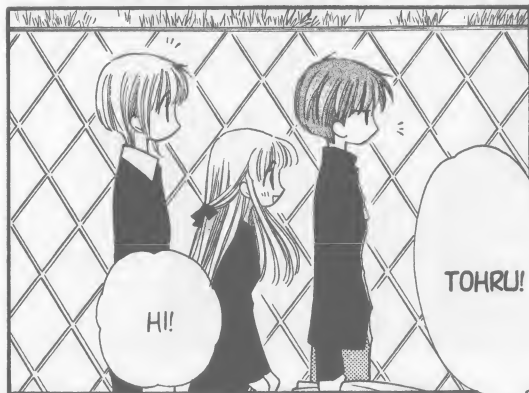


...



MAYBE IT'S  
BECAUSE  
MOM IS SO  
HAPPY...

...THAT  
EVERYONE IS  
COMING TO  
VISIT HER  
GRAVE.



HI!

TOHRU!

UOTANI-SAN AND  
HANAJIMA-SAN  
ARE MEETING US  
THERE, RIGHT?

YES! I'M  
SURE THEY'RE  
ALREADY--



YO!

NICE  
DAY FOR  
VISITING  
GRAVES,  
HUH?

Yes!

\* Sleeve: Fifth  
Generation  
Leader of the  
Suicide Squad

\* Lapel:  
Southern  
Alliance

WHAT'S  
WITH THAT  
OUTFIT?!

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?

南連合総番

五代目特攻隊長

南連合総番



...A SUICIDE  
SQUAD  
UNIFORM?

Oh  
YOU  
RECOGNIZE  
IT?



NOT  
YOU!!

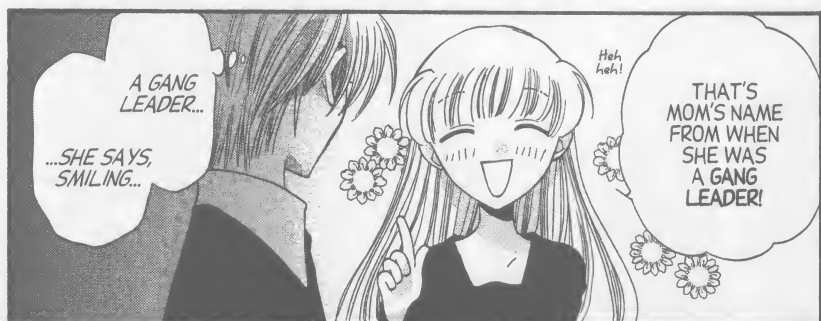
IS IT TOO  
PLAIN...?



R-RED...  
BUTTER-  
FLY?

I GOT  
THIS FROM  
KYOKO-SAN.

THE COAT OF  
THE LEADER  
OF THE RED  
BUTTERFLY  
SUICIDE  
SQUAD.



A GANG  
LEADER...

...SHE SAYS,  
SMILING...

Heh  
heh!  
THAT'S  
MOM'S NAME  
FROM WHEN  
SHE WAS  
A GANG  
LEADER!



*Kashima-mochi (rice cake wrapped in oak leaf)*





# Fruits Basket 4 Part 6:

I started crying when I saw the opening. I thought, "How very, very sad!" And "Oh, poor Serge. I want to protect him." That's proof that I'm totally hooked! He's like Cloud. (But it's worse for Cloud.) Square really does always have good music. I played Chrono Trigger on Su-Fami (Super Nintendo), so the music brought back a lot of memories. Oh, but I cried. It's so sad! I'm also playing Tokimeki Memorial (a popular romance sim). I'm getting called Takaya-kun. And while I'm doing all this, I'm waiting for Sakura (Taisen) to come out...

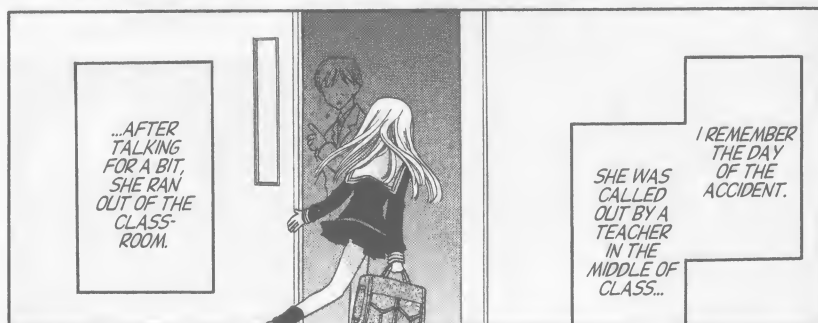




...AND  
BE SO  
BRIGHT?

WHY ISN'T  
SHE UNDER  
A DARK  
SHADOW?

HOW CAN  
SHE KEEP  
SMILING...



...AFTER  
TALKING  
FOR A BIT,  
SHE RAN  
OUT OF THE  
CLASS-  
ROOM.

SHE WAS  
CALLED  
OUT BY A  
TEACHER  
IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
CLASS...

I REMEMBER  
THE DAY  
OF THE  
ACCIDENT.



...I WONDERED  
VAGUELY...

...IF MAYBE  
ONE OF HER  
RELATIVES  
GOT IN AN  
ACCIDENT.

HER TWO  
FRIENDS  
FOLLOWED  
HER OUT.

FOR A  
WHILE,  
THE CLASS  
WAS IN AN  
LIPROAR.

DURING  
ALL  
THAT...



NOW...

LIVING IN  
THE SAME  
HOUSE...

...BEING SO  
CLOSE...

YUKI-  
KUN...

...LOOK!

THESE  
FLOWERS ARE  
WONDERFUL!

BACK THEN,  
SHE WAS  
SOMEONE  
I ONLY  
VAGUELY  
KNEW  
EXISTED...

...JUST  
SOME  
PERSON  
CALLED  
"TOHRI  
HONDA."



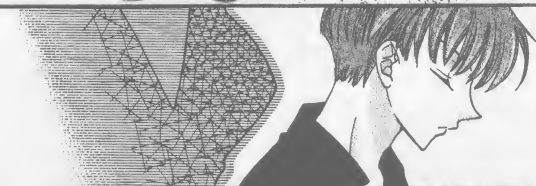
...AND SMILING  
WITH HER...

...IT'S  
STRANGE.



IT'S A  
STRANGE...

...FEELING.





NO.

IF YOU  
HELPED,  
THEY'D  
LOOK LIKE  
THEY WERE  
CURSED.

DO YOU  
NEED  
ME TO  
HELP...?



H-HUH?

THEY WON'T  
STAND UP  
RIGHT...

LET  
ME SEE  
IT. PRINCE  
CHARMING,  
HOLD IT  
THERE.

OKAY.



...SEE  
GHOSTS  
AND  
STUFF?

...DO  
YOU...



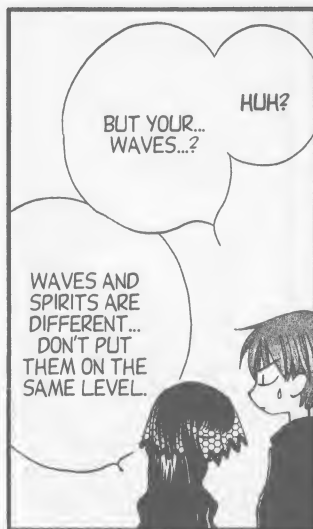
YOU...


...THAT  
IS...



...

HANA-  
JIMA...?





...BUT THEY  
ARE VERY  
WEAK.

LIVING  
HUMANS  
ARE THE  
STRONGEST...

THEY'RE  
DROWNED  
OUT BY THE  
STRENGTH  
OF THE  
THOUGHTS OF  
THE LIVING...

THE  
DEAD DO  
GIVE OFF  
WAVES...



...YOUR WAVES  
ARE ECHOING...



WHY ARE  
YOU...



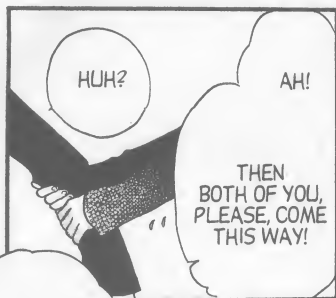
...STANDING  
BEFORE A  
GRAVE WITH  
SUCH FEELINGS  
OF REGRET ...?



EVEN  
NOW,  
IT'S THE  
SAME...

EVEN  
NOW...





**DON'T EAT LUNCH IN FRONT OF A GRAVE!!!**



...I'M  
FINE.

KYO-KUN!  
WHAT  
WOULD  
YOU LIKE?

OKAY!



...



*She  
packed a  
picnic?*

MOST  
PEOPLE  
WOULDN'T  
DO THIS...

ANYWAY,  
SIT DOWN,  
KYON. YOU'RE  
MAKING ME  
UNCOMFORTABLE.

FINE!  
JUST  
SHUT  
UP...



A  
LEGEND?

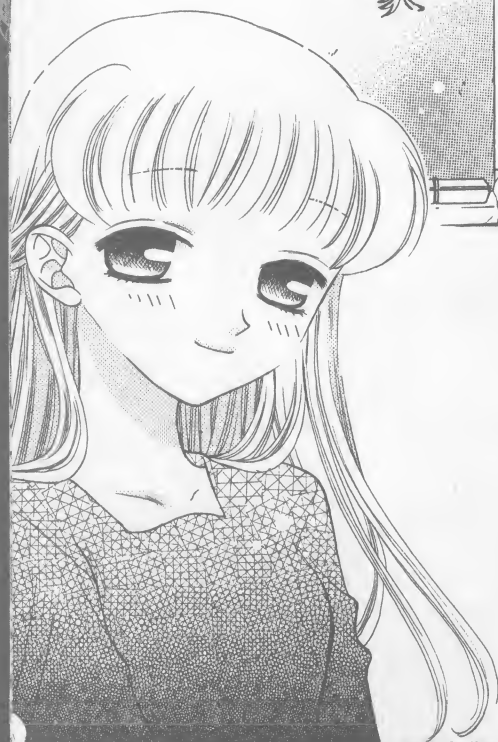
LIKE I  
SAID. THE  
LEGEND OF  
THE RED  
BUTTER-  
FLY.

SHE WAS A  
LEGEND BEFORE  
WE MET HER,  
THOUGH, AND I'D  
ALWAYS WANTED  
TO BE LIKE HER.

SHE WAS  
FRIENDS  
WITH US.

WERE  
YOU AND  
HANAJIMA-  
SAN GOOD  
FRIENDS WITH  
HONDA-SAN'S  
MOTHER?

本  
田  
家



...HER  
RED TAIL-  
LIGHTS,  
SOARING  
THROUGH  
THE NIGHT.

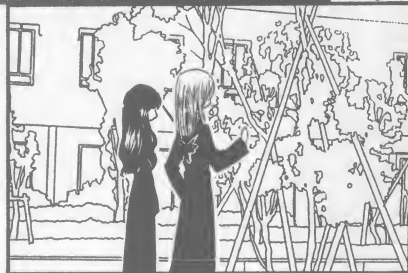
WHEN  
KYOKO-SAN  
RODE HER  
BIKE, IT  
WAS LIKE A  
BUTTERFLY  
FLYING...

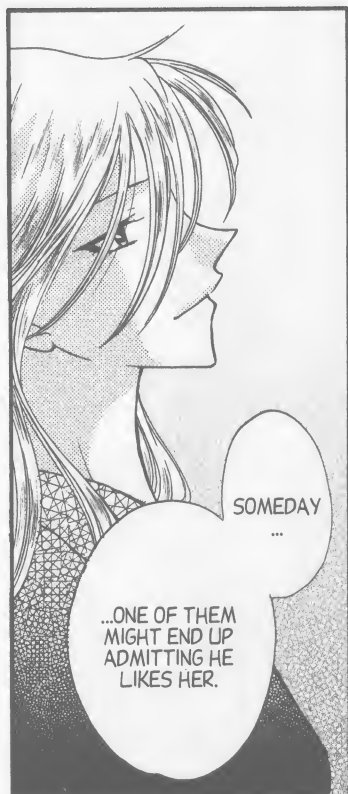
I DON'T  
GET IT.

THIS IS  
DELICIOUS...

YOU HAVE NO  
IMAGINATION!

WHAT?!





SOMEDAY  
...

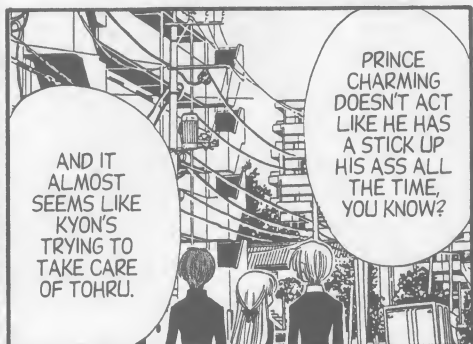
...ONE OF THEM  
MIGHT END UP  
ADMITTING HE  
LIKES HER.



YOU  
KNOW,  
SOMEHOW  
...

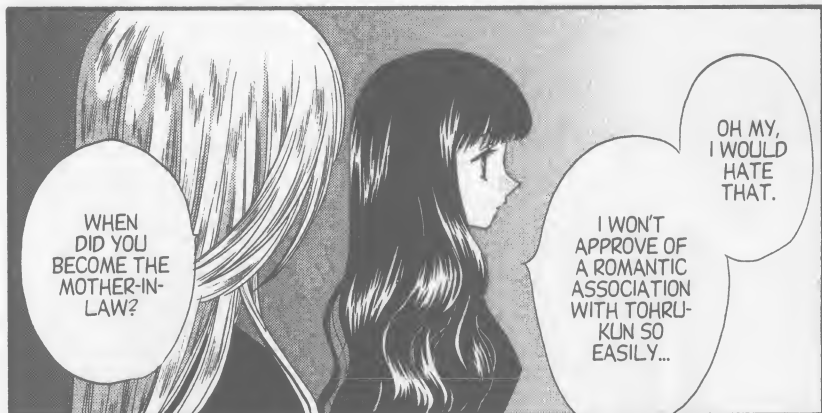
...WHEN  
THOSE  
THREE ARE  
TOGETHER  
...

...IT'S BEEN  
A LOT MORE  
RELAXED  
LATELY.



PRINCE  
CHARMING  
DOESN'T ACT  
LIKE HE HAS  
A STICK UP  
HIS ASS ALL  
THE TIME,  
YOU KNOW?

AND IT  
ALMOST  
SEEMS LIKE  
KYON'S  
TRYING TO  
TAKE CARE  
OF TOHRU.



WHEN  
DID YOU  
BECOME THE  
MOTHER-IN-  
LAW?

OH MY,  
I WOULD  
HATE  
THAT.

I WON'T  
APPROVE OF  
A ROMANTIC  
ASSOCIATION  
WITH TOHRU-  
KUN SO  
EASILY...



EVERYONE  
HAS SOME  
THOUGHTS  
LIKE THAT...

AS LONG  
AS THEY  
HAVE THOSE  
THOUGHTS,  
THERE MAY  
NOT BE ROOM  
FOR LOVE.

...BUT WITH  
THOSE TWO,  
IT'S MUCH  
WORSE THAN  
USUAL.

SO...YOU  
WERE HALF-  
SERIOUS?

WELL, I  
WAS HALF-  
JOKING.



YUKI SOHMA  
AND KYO  
SOHMA'S  
HEARTS...

...ARE STILL  
RULED BY  
CHAOS...OR  
CONFUSION.  
I CAN'T REALLY  
PUT MY FINGER  
ON IT...

YEAH,  
BUT SO'S  
TOHRU.

...THEY  
BOTH SEEM  
EXTREMELY  
DENSE IN  
THAT ARENA.

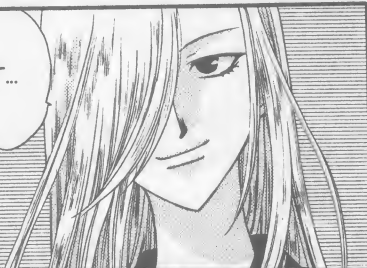
AND IF I  
MAY SAY  
SO...



...BUT A DARK  
SHADOW  
HAS FALLEN  
OVER THEIR  
THOUGHTS...

BUT...

WELL...





OH, NO...

WHEN I  
THINK OF  
TOHRU-KUN  
GOING OFF  
TO BE A  
BRIDE...

...IT  
MAKES  
ME CRY.

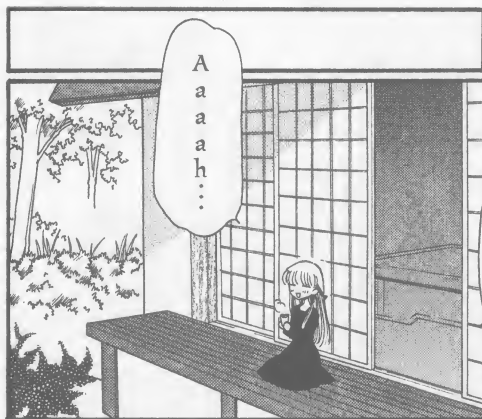
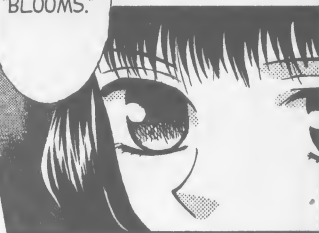
NOW YOU'RE  
REALLY  
JUMPING TO  
CONCLUSIONS.



...THERE  
ARE  
TIMES  
WHEN...

...WITHOUT  
KNOWING WHY,  
BEFORE YOU  
KNOW IT...

...A PERSON  
"BLOOMS."



A  
a  
a  
h  
...



A NICE CUP OF  
TEA REALLY  
HITS THE SPOT  
AFTER A LONG  
DAY LIKE  
TODAY.

SO PLEASE,  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT ME...

MOM...

BECAUSE  
OF THE  
PEOPLE  
IN THIS  
HOUSE...

...JUST KEEP  
WATCHING  
OVER ME.

...EVERY DAY  
IS FUN.

WE HAD A  
FUN VISIT  
TODAY...

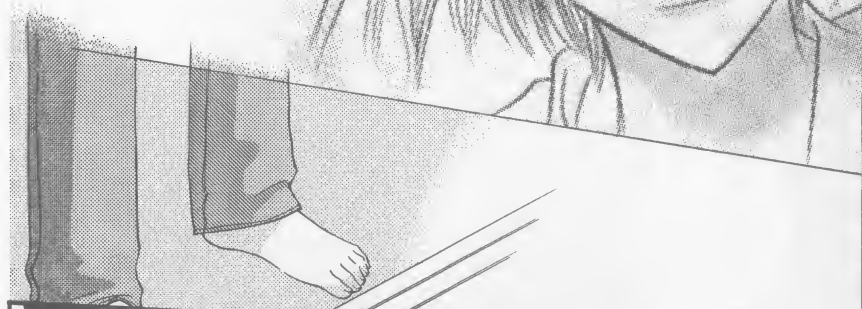
I'M GLAD  
I COULD  
INTRODUCE  
YUKI-KUN  
AND KYO-KUN  
TO MOM.

MOM...

THOSE TWO  
ALWAYS TAKE  
CARE OF ME.

SOMEDAY,  
I HOPE YOU  
CAN MEET  
SHIGURE-  
SAN, TOO.

MOM...



C'MON!  
WAKE UP!

HEY.

IT'S PRETTY  
WINDY OUT  
HERE...YOU'LL  
CATCH COLD.



HA...

HA HA  
HA HA  
HA!



HM?

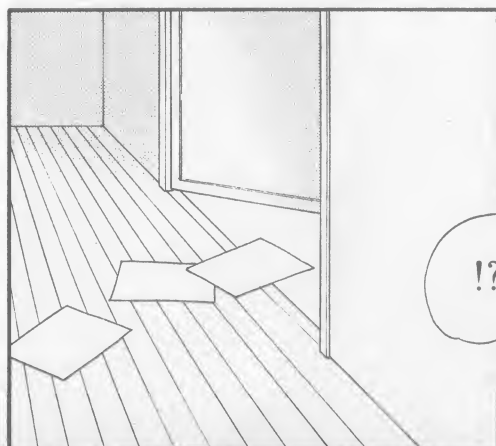
WHY'S SHE  
SLEEPING  
HERE...?

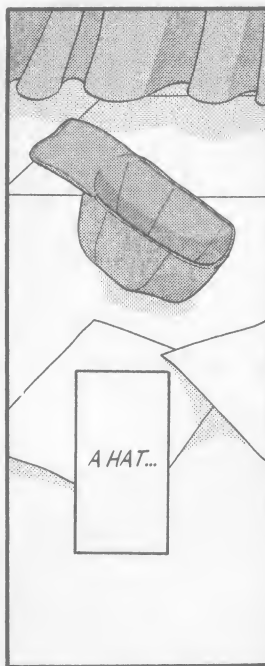
ZZZ





10  
分







WHAT  
SHOULD I  
CALL....



...THIS  
FEELING?



STILL  
SLEEPING...

...IN MY  
UNDEVELOPED  
HEART...

...THE FLOWER  
IN MY HEART.

To be continued in volume 4...

## BONUS CHAPTER



**YOU'RE COMPLETELY WRONG, SHIGURE-SAN!**



I AM NOT  
AN IDIOT!

BUT  
YOU'RE  
AN IDIOT.

**THE CAST OF FRUITS BASKET ON  
A SUMMER DAY...**



**Nageshi  
soumen!**

**...WILL FORCE A PATH TO THE NOODLE  
FLUME OF LOVE AND COURAGE.**

\* Nageshi Soumen: Momiji means to say "Nagashi soumen." This is a type of noodle that is served in a bamboo flume. As the noodles flow down the flume, diners pick them out with chopsticks.

**...AND DISAPPOINTMENT!**

I'M TIRED  
OF THIS.

**WELL, IT WILL BE...AND IT WON'T BE!**

HEY,  
AYAME, I'M  
TELLING  
YOU THIS  
NOW--

I WON'T  
BE IN IT.

Are you  
listening?

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER  
WHAT IT'S  
ABOUT...

...THE  
IMPORTANT  
THING IS THAT I  
WILL BE IN IT.

**WASABI**

YOU  
MUSTN'T  
BE SO  
LAZY...

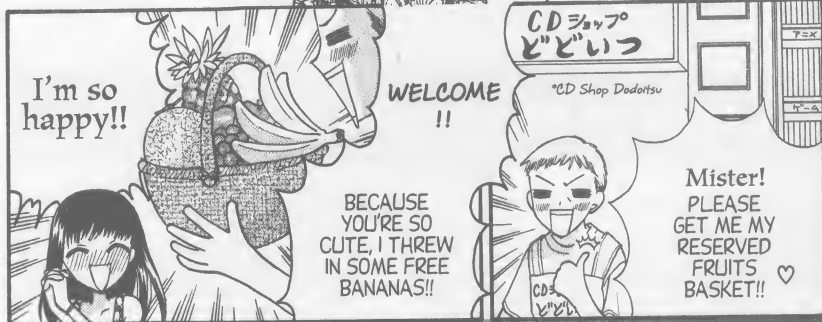
YOU'LL  
JUST HAVE TO  
LISTEN AND  
FIND OUT WHAT  
IT'S ABOUT.



I RESERVED  
ONE AT THE  
CD STORE,  
BUT MAYBE  
THAT'S NOT  
THE BEST  
WAY?!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!! I  
MUST GET  
THIS CD!!

THEN I CAN  
LISTEN TO  
KYO-KUN'S  
VOICE ALL  
THE TIME!!



I'm so  
happy!!

WELCOME  
!!

BECAUSE  
YOU'RE SO  
CUTE, I THREW  
IN SOME FREE  
BANANAS!!

CDショップ  
どどいつ

\*CD Shop Dodotsu

Mister!  
PLEASE  
GET ME MY  
RESERVED  
FRUITS  
BASKET!!

The FruitsBasket special CD  
set is not for sale in bookstores,  
music stores, or fruit stores.

Let's read the ordering  
directions carefully...

We interrupt this manga with an important  
announcement: As of September, 1999,  
this CD set is no longer available at all.  
We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Bonus Chapter/  
The End**



Next time in...



### Enter the Tiger...

The Sohma household takes to the lake for a vacation at their summer-house. However, the peaceful silence is deafening, as Yuki and Kyo are once again not on speaking terms. Will Tohru's klutzy kindness get the dueling duo back to their old cat-and-mouse antics once again?

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## Interview with Takaya-sensei

### Part 2

#### About Takaya-sensei's Hobbies

##### 9) What kind of music and musical artists do you like?

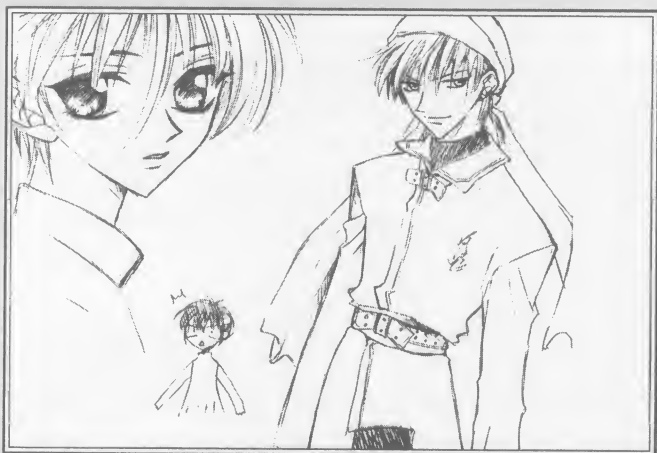
Lately I've been listening to a lot of video game music. Songs, too. I like Nematsu-san and Hikaruda-san's music. I like how the video game music perfectly matches the world in the game. That's wonderful, but when I listen to the battle music it makes me want to fight, so sometimes I do and that gets me in trouble (ha ha!).

##### 10) What movies and TV shows do you like?

These are old movies but...*Field of Dreams* and *Laputa: Castle in the Sky*. I don't watch much TV. Sometimes I think I should watch, but...It just gets in the way, like when I need to be working on my manga.

##### 11) You often talk about video games in your freetalks. What type of games do you like?

I pretty much like any type of game, but I'm never very good at action ones.



Character  
sketches for  
Tsubasa o  
Motsumono



*Character sketches for Genaimusou*

**12) Do you have a favorite game to recommend?**

I like so many that it's hard to name just one. I'd recommend the *Sakura Taisen* series—that's really fun.

**13) What do you think makes a good game?**

I like it when games do stuff manga can't. Just like how there's stuff you can only do in manga, there are things you can only do in video games. I think games where you really feel it's a "game" are best.

**14) Are there any game characters you really like?**

I really love cute and strong girls with a bit of a dark side. I have more trouble finding male characters I like.

**15) Do you work on your webpage "Chotto Ippuku"(A Short Break) by yourself?**

Yes, I do it myself. That's why it's never updated...  
[editor's note: Her website is no longer active.]

**16) What was the hardest part about making a webpage?**

Hmm... Well, it was tough when I first started because I had nobody I could discuss things with. Those were rough times, but now I have a lot of friends who can help me out.